

Part II

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN

FOREWORD.—The official reports which follow will be presented at the coming session of the House of Delegates.

Delegates, therefore, are urged to familiarize themselves with their contents.

Members, likewise, are requested to become familiar with the recommendations in these reports, and to discuss them with other members and delegates.

Through such coöperation, action that will be in line with majority opinion, is more apt to be taken.

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REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the House of Delegates:

The past year has probably been the most strenuous in the history of the California Medical Association, and when the ultimate story has been told, no doubt it will be considered to have been the most important. A tremendous amount of work has been done, as becomes evident through reading the report of the Council and other officers of the Association.

Your President has been closely associated with the Association's work for a good many years, and has never seen such earnest, conscientious application to duty as has been shown by the officers of the Association and the members of the Council. He has been particularly impressed by the deep sincerity and conscientiousness of the Council members, who have taken the problems of the general practitioner of medicine very deeply to heart, and have given to them, while they have been away from the Council meetings, many hours of thought.

Captain Gilman, the Chairman of the Council, has performed yeoman's service, if such a term can be applied to a captain. He has been giving far more of his time than should be expected of any officer of the Association. Dr. George H. Kress, our secretary, has carried on negotiations in behalf of the agricultural workers, without which, I am sure, our whole plan for their medical care would have been, not only jeopardized, but broken down. Mr. John Hunton, our executive secretary, having performed all of his regular duties with efficiency and dispatch, has given much of his free time to the work of Procurement and Assignment Service. Dr. John Cline, Chairman of the Executive Committee, has devoted many hours from his busy practice to working out details and plans under the instruction of the Council. Dr. Lowell Goin, your President-elect, has shown a leadership and a devotion to duty which assures us that in the coming year we shall have a president who will long be remembered for his service to the Association and to the general practitioner of medicine. As a matter of fact, I cannot praise too highly the efforts of all the men and the various committees for their conscientious endeavors to preserve that which we treasure most highly in the practice of medicine, while realizing that the practice of the future will, of necessity, be different from that of the past.

Your President has been unable, for many reasons, to make the usual visits to the various county societies. It has been his pleasure, however, to be present at a number of such meetings where important problems were under consideration. Most of his time has been devoted to representing the Association in the work of the Procurement

and Assignment Service Coördinating Committee, in attempts to effect the consolidation of hospital service groups. He has also tried to preserve the Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association, through which the migratory farm worker has been receiving excellent care, and for which the California physician has received a reasonable compensation for service to that class of patient. And he has dedicated many hours to bringing before society members, hospitals, and other groups the importance in our medical plan of the Physicians' Service, which, to his mind, is the only honest and possibly effective answer we have to State Medicine. He feels that, at the present time, we are at our most critical period, but is confident that with such efficient officers and competent Council we shall, from now on, begin to make progress, provided that the rank and file of the membership of the California Medical Association will but put their shoulders to the wheel and give honest, sincere help in the attempt to make this progress.

Respectfully submitted,

KARL L. SCHAUPP, *President*.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It is to be regretted that the exigencies of travel have almost completely prohibited the customary visits to the county societies.

Your president-elect, however, has been able to visit Orange County, Riverside County, San Diego County and the Harbor Branch of Los Angeles County. His other activities have been confined to the usual functions of the Council and of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

LOWELL S. GOIN, *President-Elect*.

REPORT OF THE PAST PRESIDENT

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The provision in the Constitution and By-Laws continuing the Past President on the Council for one year is, in the main, a good one. It enables the Past President to see to a conclusion any and all of the matters which once demanded his attention and which had not been completed. It is possible also that his experience and familiarity with Association matters may be of benefit to both the Association and the Council.

During the year I have attended each of the Council and Executive Committee meetings and was impressed with the earnestness that the Council displayed in meeting and considering the many problems facing the medical profession.

Time alone will be the best judge of the wisdom of some of the Council's decisions and actions during the year. "*Nothing ventured, nothing gained*," is an old adage which can still be applied to our consideration of the uncharted course of medical economics.

I wish once more to express to the officers and members of the Council my deep appreciation for their courtesy and consideration given me during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. MOLONY, SR., *Past President*.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

To the President and the House of Delegates:

On the shoulders of each delegate this year will rest the burden of attempting to solve many disturbing problems of medicine. This burden does not constitute the fate of the whole world, but it involves one part of the world and a situation most important to us as California doctors. If we fail to carry it with vision and strength we may never again, in our generation at least, be given the right to carry a load by our own volition. If we but transform our burden into a torch and carry it in challenge, the light may attract many to lift the load.

This year the report of the Public Relations Survey by Foote, Cone and Belding and their recommendations will need action by our House of Delegates. The report of Mr. Ben Read, regarding doings in Washington and the accomplishments of the Western States in forming a National Public Health League, will be prominent. Recommendations by the Council and others regarding proposed changes in the A.M.A. and its activities will need decision. Perhaps most important will be the consideration of the status of C.P.S. and the medical profession of this State. A complete discussion and a settlement of the problem, "at once and for all," must be made at this meeting.

These are only part of our agenda. I urge that all delegates and alternates feel keenly their duty, let nothing interfere with their attendance at all sessions, and report promptly at the specified hours of assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

E. VINCENT ASKEY, *Speaker*.

REPORT OF VICE-SPEAKER

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates has attended all meetings of the Council and has observed with interest the mechanisms by which the State Council implements instructions of the House of Delegates, and acts in the interim between meetings of that body.

The Council of the California Medical Association is composed of a group of sincere, alert and hard-working individuals, who devote much time and effort in the interests of organized medicine. In watching these deliberations one cannot but be impressed with the business-like manner, and the absolute earnestness with which difficulties are approached. This is representative government at its best. Results speak for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ALESEN, *Vice-Speaker*.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During 1943 it has been my privilege to conduct the meetings of the Council, before which come the many important items confronting the Association. The tentative report of the Council, which appears on another page of this issue, indicates the scope of the Council's activities during 1943 and shows the importance of the regular meetings of that body. Additional reports and recommendations may be made by the Council for the consideration of the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. GILMAN, *Chairman of the Council*.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the last year, the Council of the California Medical Association has been confronted, not with one,

but a number of problems having vital relations to medical practice in California. So grave are some of these matters, that final action thereon must be taken by its supreme body, the House of Delegates. In the meantime, the Council has done those things necessary to permit it to present additional informative data and suggestions to the House. Brief reference to some of the special problems are indicated in this report.

1. Meetings.

The 310th Council meeting was its organization session, and was held in Los Angeles on May 3rd, 1943. An organization meeting of the C.M.A. Executive Committee was held on the same date. Other meetings of Council took place: 311th on June 19, 1943 in San Francisco; 312th on August 22, 1943, in San Francisco; 313th on October 10, 1943, in Los Angeles; 314th on January 23, 1944, in San Francisco; and 315th on March 5, 1944, in San Francisco.

2. Membership.

Membership of the California Medical Association (inclusive of its 2,062 members in military service) totals 7,340. During the last calendar year 429 physicians were elected into county society membership, to thus become members of both the C.M.A. and A.M.A.

3. Finances.

In addition to routine administrative expenses, which do not vary greatly from year to year, the Council, in protection and promotion of the best interests of medical practice deemed it advisable to make several appropriations not provided for in the budget:

(a) Expenses of the survey of nonprofit medical and hospitalization service groups operating in California, the study and report being made by Mr. John Mannix of Michigan Medical Service and printed in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* for November, 1943, on pages 258-265; the total cost amounting to \$1,500.

(b) Authorization of a public opinion survey by a national public relations firm,—Foote, Cone and Belding,—made in November, 1943, concerning which comment is made below, costing \$7,198.49.

(c) Allocation of the sum of \$18,000 to cover the share of the California Medical Association in establishing at Washington, D. C., an office of medical information, to be conducted under the jurisdiction of the C.M.A. Committee on Public Relations and Legislation, in conjunction with the newly-formed United Public Health League.

(d) Allocation of the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) at the Council meeting of March 5, 1944, to cover expenses involved in carrying on public relations work in line with the information brought out in the survey of Foote, Cone and Belding, and to promote also the better attainment of the objectives of California Physicians' Service.

War Industry and Agricultural Migrant Problems in California:

(a) The influx of thousands of citizens from other States, attracted to California by the massive war industries that have grown up almost overnight, and necessarily needing to be provided with housing facilities of similar transient nature, brought up the problem of their adequate medical care. Because two thousand of our own members are in military service, it has not been easy to secure sufficient medical personnel for some of these mushroom areas and communities. Difficulties encountered were not made easier, since some of the local government boards were not fully coöperative. The subject is mentioned, since it has intimate ramifications to medical and hospitalization activities.

(b) The medical care of the migratory agricultural

workers, so well carried on under the Agricultural Workers Health and Medical Association, on the governing board of which Dr. Karl L. Schaupp has been a guiding influence, was imperiled by proposed federal legislation. Through the efforts of his special committee, Dr. Schaupp was able to secure favorable legislative action. The good work in the medical care of needy agricultural workers will be continued.

California Physicians' Service:

C.P.S. was brought into existence by the California Medical Association in 1938. Its progress has not been along paths strewn with roses. However, it has endeavored to follow those lines of procedure which, at the time of their institution, were deemed safest and best to its constituted authorities. All things considered, its record of achievement is one in which the California Medical Association may take legitimate pride. It is gratifying to know that the unit values designed to compensate the physician-underwriters of this statewide medical service plan are now on a two-dollar basis, and with good management should consistently increase.

However, the experience of the last five years has demonstrated some inadequacies in function that must be rectified, if C.P.S. is to move on to attain its original objectives in the way of service. The House of Delegates brought C.P.S. into existence under its present set-up, and the House must now decide what changes it wishes to authorize in the way of alterations. Delegates who desire to orient themselves concerning proposed changes should read the pertinent items in the Council minutes: C. and W. M., November, 1943, Item 6 on page 273; March, 1944, Item 7 on page 103; and in the April, 1944 of current issue, Item 10 on page 214.

Liaison Committee of Eight (Medical Service and Hospitalization Groups):

In its endeavors to bring about an harmonious relationship between California Physicians' Service; Hospital Service of California; Hospital Service of Southern California; and Intercoast Hospitalization Insurance Association,—to make possible a more efficient medical care and hospitalization service for the lower income groups of California citizens,—the Council, after serious discussion, brought into being a liaison Committee of Ten (later changed to Committee of Eight by request of the Committee of Ten). Council minutes of meeting of October 10, 1943, record the action taken (C. and W. M., November, 1943, Item 6 on page 273).

The Liaison Committee held three meetings, and after discussion, agreed to bring in a coördinator who would make a survey and institute necessary adjustments to promote a more efficient and comprehensive management, but at the same time properly conserve the interests of the parties concerned.

Unfortunately, the tender of the position of coördinator, offered to five different out-of-state experts in medical care and hospitalization work who had been selected by the Liaison Committee as acceptable, was declined by each.

The C.M.A. Council at its meeting on March 5, 1944, as recorded in Item 10 of its minutes (C. and W. M., April, 1944, current issue, on page 214) outlined resolutions designed to bring about a betterment in existing conditions. Because of the nature and scope of proposed actions, these resolutions should be read by all delegates and alternates.

Survey of Public Relations of the California Medical Association, as of January, 1944:

During the last year, each succeeding month seemingly has brought to the attention of Councilors increasing uncertainty concerning the trend of public opinion in relation to physicians, medical practice, and to proposed legislation regarding medical care through governmental

agencies. These various subjects have received earnest consideration by the Council. It was finally agreed that it would be a wise expenditure of funds, if an accurate survey of public opinion in California, concerning medical care in its various aspects, could be made. The value of such a survey would depend in good part on whether the impersonal inquiry, into thinking-trends of California citizens, would be truly representative of the entire State. It was agreed that such an investigation needed expert, rather than amateur supervision, no matter how well-intentioned the latter might be.

After discussion, a national firm—Foote, Cone and Belding, successors to the Lord and Thomas agency,—was selected for the work, and the survey was made in November, 1943. This survey received mention in the minutes of the 313th meeting (C. and W. M., November, 1943, Item 5 on page 273; C. and W. M., March, 1944, Item 5 on page 102; C. and W. M., April, 1944, current issue, Item 10 on page 214.)

The Council makes the request to delegates and alternates that they scan these items, since their reading will permit much clearer understanding of the problems, and so lay the foundation for proper action at the Annual Session.

Fee Schedule, C.M.A. Industrial Accident Commission:

Members of the Association have long been dissatisfied with the State Compensation Fund's large dividends returned on premiums to firms and citizens to whom the State Fund had sold its coverage. The Council through its special committee, has made earnest efforts to bring a proper adjustment into being. In the current issue of C. and W. M. (Item 10 on page 214) the subject receives clarifying comment. The injustice of existing rates must be done away with.

Malpractice Defense:

This year the premium rates for malpractice coverage have skyrocketed, due to one or two unfortunate experiences with x-ray apparatus. The underwriter-carriers, as a consequence, suffered losses, through court judgments, in excess of \$300,000.

A special committee of the Council will submit to the House of Delegates a report on this problem.

Osteopathy in California:

Brief comment has appeared in the printed proceedings of the Council in reference to plans under consideration, whereby some of the conflicting legal sanctions now operative in California, for licensure of nonsectarian physicians and surgeons, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons, would be remedied. For a time it appeared that progress was being made, through approval of principles submitted by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the A.M.A. Council on Medical Education. Later, because of legal phases, opposition to the proposed plans was made by the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States. So there the matter now rests.

California and Western Medicine:

The Council, at its meeting of January 23, 1944 (as outlined in Item 12 of minutes, in C. and W. M., for March, 1944, on page 105 approved the recommendation that CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE should be printed in Los Angeles.

It is important for members to remember that CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is the official journal of organized medicine in California, and, as such, has the responsibility of keeping members informed concerning all activities that menace medical practice and scientific medicine. Also, owing to action by the House of Delegates several years ago, that the size was limited to a

publication of 96 pages; reduced with all other publications, by 10 per cent in January, 1944, through governmental directive, in order to conserve paper for the War effort. It follows, that the number of pages for original articles is necessarily limited, and that it is impossible to provide publication for every single paper presented at an annual session, and much less so, for other papers voluntarily submitted. Contributors, then, should keep this fact in mind. The Council has placed upon the Executive Committee of the Editorial Board, and not the Editor, the responsibility of deciding, what papers shall be accepted and what manuscripts shall be released for publication elsewhere.

Annual Session:

In times such as the present, with so many activities so closely related to medical practice receiving increased recognition in newspapers and other publications, it is as important, as ever, that the continuity of annual sessions and conferences be continued. Members who are participants in the scientific programs are thus given the opportunity of conferring with colleagues, who are members of the House of Delegates; securing in that manner, a better cross section of viewpoint of the profession. Appreciation is expressed to all who are contributors in the brief two-day annual session.

The Council also wishes members of the Association to know that suggestions are welcomed at all times. The Councilors desire only to approve those plans and actions which will make for the fullest protection and advancement of the public health and a high standard medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
PHILIP K. GILMAN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Trustees of the California Medical Association, whose members are the members of the Association council, acts as trustee of funds and property obtained from the Association or from other sources. During the past year it has held the required business meetings and has transacted its necessary business in an orderly manner. The report of its financial affairs at the close of 1943 is printed elsewhere under the report of the Association treasurer.

As president of the Trustees of the California Medical Association, it has been my privilege to conduct the necessary meetings during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. GILMAN, *President*.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In accordance with past custom, your Secretary-Treasurer submits his report under two subheadings: (1) Report of the Association Secretary, and (2) Report of the Treasurer.

I. Report of the Secretary

During the last year, in his various functions as Secretary of the following bodies: the House of Delegates, the Council, the Executive Committee, the Committee on Postgraduate Activities, and also as Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work that is in charge of preparation of Annual Session programs, your Association Secretary has prepared the agenda for the various meetings, and carried out the instructions concerning actions authorized by these respective bodies.

In addition to the above, in his duties as Association Secretary, there has been the usual large amount of general correspondence and miscellaneous work. With the aid of his assistants, an effort has been made to perform these duties as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

Since the reports of the constituted authorities and committees appear elsewhere, it is not necessary to amplify here regarding the objectives sought, or the work performed.

Thanks are extended to all who have aided, in making satisfactory, the performance of these various duties.

II. Report of the Treasurer

As stated in previous annual reports, the report of the Certified Public Accountants, Messrs. Hood and Strong, which follows, gives a survey of income and expenditures, regarding:

(1) California Medical Association activities, both as based on income from dues and current maintenance and administrative expenses; and also

(2) On the reserve funds held by the "Trustees of the California Medical Association," (a nonprofit corporation composed of the year-by-year general officers, who function as a holding company for the California Medical Association, all under the corporate laws of the State).

At last year's Annual Session, the Executive Committee recommended to the House of Delegates that the report of the Certified Public Accountants be printed in full, to permit the component county societies and all members who may be interested, to better orient themselves concerning the resources of the California Medical Association, its income and expenditures. The request was favorably acted upon by the House of Delegates, and the full report is here appended.

Additional information on any points, that may be obscure, is available at the headquarters' office of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. KRESS, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

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Report of the Certified Public Accountants, Hood and Strong, San Francisco, follows:

Report of Examination

I. California Medical Association and of

II. Trustees of the California Medical Association (A Corporation)

San Francisco, California
December 31, 1943

HOOD AND STRONG

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
SAN FRANCISCO

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California Medical Association

January 17, 1944.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to your instructions, and following upon our similar attention for previous years, we have made an examination of the accounts and records of CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION for the year ended December 31, 1943, and present hereinafter the following statements:

*California Medical Association and Trustees of the
California Medical Association (a Corporation) —
Combined Comparative Balance Sheet—December
31, 1943 and December 31, 1942
California Medical Association:—
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1943*

Statement of Income and Expenditure—Comparative for Years Ended December 31, 1943 and December 31, 1942

Expenditure—Comparative for Years Ended December 31, 1943 and December 31, 1942

We have also made an examination of the accounts of the Trustees of the California Medical Association, a non-profit corporation, and have rendered a separate report thereon.

The following comments are submitted in amplification of the various items appearing in the statements herein submitted, and indicate, generally, the scope of our examination:

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1943 AND DECEMBER 31, 1942

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE
CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (A CORPORATION)

This statement exhibits, in condensed form, the combined assets and liabilities of both organizations. The assets and liabilities of the California Medical Association will be discussed in detail hereinafter, and separate report is being presented as to the assets and liabilities of the Trustees of the California Medical Association (a corporation).

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1943

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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ASSETS

CASH—\$41,271.98:

We verified the amount on deposit in bank from the basis of confirmation received directly by us from the depository. The petty cash fund was counted.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE—\$1,890.89:

These consist of "Journal" advertisers, in amount \$2,390.89, less a reserve which has been provided for doubtful accounts in amount \$500.00. These accounts are considered to be collectible in the ordinary course of business. We examined accounts totaling the above sum, but we did not verify the amounts by direct correspondence with individual debtors.

NOTE RECEIVABLE—\$39,300.00:

This represents loans to California Physicians' Service in prior years, which have been renewed in one note dated May 3, 1943, due in three years, without interest. This note was verified by inspection.

TRUST FUNDS—\$7,373.36:

These consist of the Morris Herzstein Bequest Fund of \$1,848.86 and the Benevolence Fund of \$5,524.50. The changes in the Morris Herzstein Bequest Fund during the year were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$1,155.49
Income	693.37

Balance, December 31, 1943.....	\$1,848.86
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The income was verified from a photostatic copy of a statement of receipts and disbursements prepared by the Trustee, as to Trust Income, and from savings bank pass books as to interest.

The changes in the *Benevolence Fund* during the year were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$2,141.50
Add, Transfer from Commercial Account, as authorized by Council Meeting, June 9, 1943.	5,329.00

\$7,470.50

Less Disbursements	1,946.00
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Balance, December 31, 1943.....	\$5,524.50
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We verified the disbursements from the basis of canceled checks, and the balance was confirmed directly to us by the bank.

DEFERRED CHARGES—\$790.84:

Details of this asset appear on the Balance Sheet and call for no further comment. In our opinion, they are correctly stated.

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LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE—\$18,660.27:

The composition of this item appears on the Balance Sheet. The amount due to the Trustees of the California Medical Association is in agreement with the accounts of that Association.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND TRUSTEES OF THE
CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (A CORPORATION)

San Francisco, California

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	ELIMINATIONS	COMBINED DECEMBER 31, 1943	COMBINED DECEMBER 31, 1942	INCREASE Decrease
ASSETS						
Cash	\$41,271.98	\$ 7,860.14		\$ 49,132.12	\$ 38,765.25	\$10,366.87
Marketable Securities		72,270.05		72,270.05	42,129.42	30,140.63
Due from California Medical Association		16,303.07	\$16,303.07			
Accounts Receivable	1,890.89			1,890.89	1,629.36	261.53
Endowment Fund		255.60		255.60	252.44	3.16
Benevolence Fund	5,524.50	5,431.20		10,955.70	6,510.80	4,444.90
Trust Fund	1,848.86	50,859.92		52,708.78	50,863.49	1,845.29
Furniture, Equipment, etc.	1.00			1.00	1.00	
Deferred Charges	790.84			790.84	891.37	100.53
Note Receivable	39,300.00			39,300.00	39,300.00	
	<u>\$90,628.07</u>	<u>\$152,979.98</u>	<u>\$16,303.07</u>	<u>\$227,304.98</u>	<u>\$180,343.13</u>	<u>\$46,961.85</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS						
Due to the Trustees of the California Medical Association	\$16,303.07		\$16,303.07			
Other Accounts Payable	2,357.20	62.50		\$ 2,419.70	\$ 2,097.65	\$ 322.05
Members' Contribution to Endowment Fund		255.60		255.60	252.44	3.16
Benevolence Fund	5,524.50	5,431.20		10,955.70	6,510.80	4,444.90
Deferred Income	1,540.00			1,540.00	60.00	1,480.00
Trust Accounts	1,848.86	50,859.92		52,708.78	50,863.49	1,845.29
Reserve	39,300.00			39,300.00	39,300.00	
Surplus	23,754.44	96,370.76		120,125.20	81,258.75	38,866.45
	<u>\$90,628.07</u>	<u>\$152,979.98</u>	<u>\$16,303.07</u>	<u>\$227,304.98</u>	<u>\$180,343.13</u>	<u>\$46,961.85</u>

All liabilities of which we have knowledge, with the exception of the small monthly bills, have been accounted.

DEFERRED INCOME—\$1,540.00:

This amount represents Dues received in advance.

TRUST ACCOUNTS—\$7,373.36:

This is a contra item to the amount of assets shown in the Balance Sheet, and has been commented on hereinabove.

RESERVE—\$39,300.00:

This item represents a provision for possible loss in the collection of the \$39,300.00 advanced to the California Physicians' Service.

SURPLUS—\$23,754.44:

This is the amount by which the total assets exceed total liabilities and reserve, as at December 31, 1943, and the changes during the year were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$13,233.07
Add Excess of Receipts over Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1943.....	36,987.51
Balance, December 31, 1943.....	<u>\$23,754.44</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

There is exhibited in this statement the income and expenditure for the years 1943 and 1942, together with increase or decrease in each item.

As to membership dues, this income was checked by us to the statement of remittances sent in by the County Societies, and further verified by direct correspondence with several of the County Societies selected by us at random, asking them to confirm directly to us the amount remitted by them. The income so checked was verified to have been deposited in banks. From the basis of our examination, and from replies received from the County Societies, we are satisfied that dues are being properly received and accounted, although, as understood by you, we made no attempt to check the dues to the membership cards on file.

Income from advertisements in the "Journal" was test-checked by us to advertisements appearing in the December 31, 1943, issue of that periodical.

Expenditures were verified from canceled checks and by inspection of vouchers where necessary. Minutes of the meetings of the Council, Trustees, etc., were reviewed by us for authorization of the larger expenditures.

It will be noted that there was an increase of \$46,516.90 in net receipts for 1943 over 1942. This is caused primarily by an increase in dues and by a reduction in expenditure for scientific, education and public relations, the latter item being caused by no expenditure in 1943 to promote the Basic Science Law, as against the large expenditure for this purpose in 1942.

At the end of 1942 there were two special funds which do not exist at this time; one was the Basic Science Law Fund, and the other was the Special Assessment Fund. Details of the changes in these funds during the year are as follows:—

Basic Science Law Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1943	\$10.01
Returned to California Medical Association....	10.01
Balance	Nil

Special Assessment Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$899.39
Expenditures during 1943.....	899.39
Public Relations and Legislation....	\$897.89
Sun Advertising Company.....	1.50
Balance	Nil

Very truly yours,

HOOD AND STRONG.

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION San Francisco, California

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1943

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ASSETS

Cash	\$41,271.98
On Deposit	\$41,228.38
Commercial Accounts ..	\$11,315.87
Savings Accounts ..	29,912.51
Petty Cash Fund	43.60
Accounts Receivable	1,890.89
Journal Advertisers:	
Total	2,390.89
Less Reserve for Doubtful Accounts ..	500.00
Note Receivable	39,300.00
California Physicians' Service	39,300.00
Trust Funds	7,373.36
Morris-Herzstein Bequest	1,848.86
Benevolence	5,524.50
Furniture and Fixtures—	
Nominal Value	1.00
Deferred Charges	790.84
Rent paid in advance..	274.00
Equipment for Annual Meeting	266.84
Postage	250.00
	<u>\$90,628.07</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	18,660.27
Due to Trustees of the California Medical Association	16,303.07
Journal Production—Accrued Expense	1,732.25
Miscellaneous	624.95
Deferred Income	1,540.00
Dues Received in Advance	1,540.00
Trust Accounts	7,373.36
Unexpired balance of Income received under Herzstein Bequest ...	1,848.86
Benevolence Fund	5,524.50
Reserve	39,300.00
For Possible Loss on Loans	39,300.00
Surplus	23,754.44
Representing the amount by which the total Assets exceed the Liabilities and Reserves as of December 31, 1943 being—	
Balance, January 1, 1943	13,233.07
Add Excess of Receipts over Disbursements, Year 1943	36,987.51
	<u>90,628.07</u>

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION San Francisco, California

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE COMPARATIVE FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1943 AND DECEMBER 31, 1942

INCOME	YEAR ENDED		INCREASE Decrease
	DECEMBER 31, 1943	DECEMBER 31, 1942	
DUES AND GENERAL:			
Membership Dues —			
Less portion allocated to Journal			
Subscriptions	\$ 85,188.13	\$ 71,447.00	\$13,741.13
California Medical Society—Service	600.00	600.00	
Interest Earned	272.73	479.80	207.07
Exhibitors at Annual Meeting		7,850.00	7,850.00
Reprint Sales, etc....		157.47	157.47
Miscellaneous	2.74		2.74
	<u>\$ 86,063.60</u>	<u>\$ 80,534.27</u>	<u>\$ 5,529.33</u>
OFFICIAL JOURNAL, "CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE":			
Advertising	\$ 28,661.05	\$ 25,651.21	\$ 3,009.84
Members' Subscriptions (Allocated from Dues)	21,771.00	21,378.00	393.00
Cash Subscriptions...	825.80	690.05	135.75
	<u>\$ 51,257.85</u>	<u>\$ 47,719.26</u>	<u>\$ 3,538.59</u>
Total Income	<u>\$137,321.45</u>	<u>\$128,253.53</u>	<u>\$ 9,067.92</u>
EXPENDITURE			
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 46,581.45	\$ 44,175.53	\$ 2,405.92
SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS	22,929.76	66,692.33	43,762.57
OFFICIAL JOURNAL, "CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE"	30,822.73	26,915.06	3,907.67
Total Expenditure ..	<u>\$100,333.94</u>	<u>\$137,782.92</u>	<u>\$37,448.98</u>
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE			
	<u>\$ 36,987.51</u>	<u>\$ 9,529.39</u>	<u>\$46,516.90</u>

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
San Francisco, California

EXPENDITURE

**COMPARATIVE FOR YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1943 AND DECEMBER 31, 1942**

	YEAR ENDED		INCREASE <i>Decrease</i>
	DECEMBER 31, 1943	DECEMBER 31, 1942	
ADMINISTRATION:			
Salary — Association Secretary and Treas- urer	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	
Salary — Executive Secretary	7,366.67	6,600.00	\$ 766.67
Salaries—Clerical ...	7,641.16	7,162.98	478.18
Travel Expense:			
Secretary	521.29	208.58	312.71
Officers	81.58	304.19	222.61
Council	3,206.52	3,423.32	216.80
Executive Committee	126.73	82.95	43.78
A.M.A. Delegates ..	1,865.23	1,747.30	117.98
Taxes—Payroll	272.88	520.08	247.20
Secretaries' Conference		982.12	982.12
Annual Meeting Ex- pense	5,873.06	6,466.54	593.48
Legal Expense:			
Retainer Fee	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Other Legal Expense	1,025.65	954.53	71.12
Rent	3,288.00	3,288.00	
Office Supplies and Ex- pense	1,877.21	1,272.75	604.46
Postage	526.43	455.75	70.68
Telephone and Tele- graph	673.06	779.51	106.45
Council and Executive Committee	652.00	436.82	215.18
Equipment Expense..	189.66	203.43	13.77
Miscellaneous	2,294.27	1,686.68	607.59
Survey, California Medical Service and Hospitalization Or- ganizations	1,500.00		1,500.00
	<u>\$ 46,581.45</u>	<u>\$ 44,175.53</u>	<u>\$ 2,405.92</u>

SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Contributions to Medical Libraries	2,666.00	2,850.00	184.00
Public Policy and Legislation Expense	11,201.67	3,181.04	8,020.63
Other Committee Activities	3,316.29	2,909.25	407.04
Department of Public Relations	416.80	347.33	69.47
Appropriation to Promote Basic Science Law		57,404.71	57,404.71
Physicians' Benevolence	5,329.00		5,329.00
	<u>\$ 22,929.76</u>	<u>\$ 66,692.33</u>	<u>\$43,762.57</u>

OFFICIAL JOURNAL—"CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE":

Salary—Editor	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.01	\$.01
Printing	19,411.58	15,804.18	3,607.40
Advertising Commissions	3,908.72	3,666.63	242.09
Wrapping and Mailing	1,579.03	1,491.50	87.53
Illustrations	374.85	431.37	56.52
Supplies, Expense and Office Postage	1,116.31	1,223.80	107.49
Discounts and Collection Expense	432.24	247.57	184.67
Provision for Doubtful Accounts		50.00	50.00
	<u>\$ 30,822.73</u>	<u>\$ 26,915.06</u>	<u>\$ 3,907.67</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE ... \$100,333.94 \$137,782.92 \$37,448.98

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**Trustees of the California Medical Association
(A Corporation)**

Report of Examination
December 31, 1943

January 17, 1944.

Trustees of the California Medical Association
(a Corporation)
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:—

Pursuant to your instructions, and following our attention for prior years, we have made an examination of your accounts for the year 1943, and upon the conclusion thereof, have prepared and present hereinafter the following statements:—

*Trustees of the California Medical Association (a Corporation) and California Medical Association:—
Combined Comparative Balance Sheet—
December 31, 1943 and December 31, 1942*

*Trustees of the California Medical Association (a Corporation):—
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1943*

*Statement of Income and Expenditure—
Comparative for the Years Ended December 31, 1943 and December 31, 1942*

We have also made an examination of the accounts of California Medical Association, and have rendered a separate report thereon.

The following comments are submitted in amplification of the various items appearing in the statements herein submitted, and indicate, generally, the scope of our examination:

*Trustees of the California Medical Association (a Corporation) and California Medical Association
Combined Comparative Balance Sheet—
December 31, 1943 and December 31, 1942*

This statement exhibits, in condensed form, the combined assets and liabilities of both organizations. The assets and liabilities of the Trustees of the California

Medical Association will be discussed in detail herein-after, and a separate report is being presented as to the assets and liabilities of the California Medical Association.

TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
(A CORPORATION)

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1943

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ASSETS

CASH—\$7,860.14:

This asset was verified from the basis of a certificate received by us directly from the depository.

INVESTMENTS—\$72,270.05:

This asset consists of government securities of a par value of \$72,000.00, plus accrued interest of \$270.05. Details of these securities are as follows:—

\$25,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 4%	—1944/54
2,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 3½%	—1943/45
5,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 3½%	—1949/52
10,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 3½%	—1944/46
5,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—1964/69
10,000.00 p.v. U.S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—1964/69
5,000.00 p.v. War Savings Bond—Series "G" 2½%—12 yrs.	
10,000.00 p.v. War Savings Bond—Series "G" 2½%—12 yrs.	

\$72,000.00

These bonds were verified by us by inspection at your safe deposit vault, in the presence of Drs. Gilman, Kress and Mr. Hunton.

DUE FROM CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—\$16,303.07:

This amount is in agreement with the records of that Association and was verified by our audit of its accounts. ENDOWMENT FUND—\$255.60:

The only change in this account during the year 1943 was the addition of savings bank interest of \$3.16. The balance was confirmed directly to us by the Bank of America, N. T. & S. A. This amount is offset by a like amount under "Liabilities and Surplus."

BENEVOLENCE FUND—HELD IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT—\$5,431.20:

This amount represents monies in trust for the California Medical Association. The account was started in 1942 in conformity with the minutes of the California Medical Association. This fund is offset by a like amount under "Liabilities and Surplus."

The changes in this fund during the year were as follows:—

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$4,369.30
Additions during year.....	1,061.90
County Woman's Auxiliary Donation.....	\$35.00
State Woman's Auxiliary Donation.....	965.00
Miscellaneous Donation.....	15.00
Interest on Savings Account.....	46.90

Balance, December 31, 1943..... \$5,431.20

TRUST FUND—\$50,859.92:

The analysis of this fund is as follows:—

Savings Accounts	\$13,616.68
Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.	\$7,003.04
American Trust Company.....	6,613.64
U. S. Government Securities.....	37,000.00
Accrued Interest to Dec. 31, 1943...	180.74
Due from Trustees of the California Medical Association.....	62.50
	<u>\$50,859.92</u>

Amounts on deposit were verified by us by direct confirmation from the depository. The United States Government securities consist of the following:—

\$ 2,000.00 p.v. U. S. Treasury Bonds 3½%	—1944/46
5,000.00 p.v. U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—1945/47
10,000.00 p.v. U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—1949/53
10,000.00 p.v. U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—Mar. 15, 1948
5,000.00 p.v. U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½%	—Dec. 15, 1945
5,000.00 p.v. War Savings Bond—Series "G" 2½%—12 yrs.	

\$37,000.00

These bonds were inspected by us at your safe deposit vault in the presence of Drs. Gilman, Kress and Mr. Hunton. We understand that this fund is an Indemnity Defense Fund and is offset by a like amount under "Liabilities and Surplus." The trustees have taken out

TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (A CORPORATION)
AND CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
San Francisco, California

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	TRUSTEES OF THE		ELIMINATION	COMBINED DECEMBER 31, 1943	COMBINED DECEMBER 31, 1942	INCREASE Decrease
	CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION				
Cash	\$ 7,860.14	\$41,271.98		\$ 49,132.12	\$ 38,765.25	\$10,366.87
Marketable Securities	72,270.05			72,270.05	42,129.42	30,140.63
Due from California Medical Association	16,303.07		\$16,303.07			
Accounts Receivable		1,890.89		1,890.89	1,629.36	261.53
Endowment Fund	255.60			255.60	252.44	3.16
Benevolence Fund	5,431.20	5,524.50		10,955.70	6,510.80	4,444.90
Trust Fund	50,859.92	1,848.86		52,708.78	50,863.49	1,845.29
Furniture and Equipment		1.00		1.00	1.00	
Deferred Charges		790.84		790.84	891.37	100.53
Note Receivable		39,300.00		39,300.00	39,300.00	
	<u>\$152,979.98</u>	<u>\$90,628.07</u>	<u>\$16,303.07</u>	<u>\$227,304.98</u>	<u>\$180,343.13</u>	<u>\$46,961.85</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS						
Due to the Trustees of the California Medical Association		16,303.07	\$16,303.07			
Other Accounts Payable	62.50	2,357.20		\$ 2,419.70	\$ 2,097.65	\$ 322.05
Members' Contribution to Endowment Fund	255.60			255.60	252.44	3.16
Benevolence Fund	5,431.20	5,524.50		10,955.70	6,510.80	4,444.90
Deferred Income		1,540.00		1,540.00	60.00	1,480.00
Trust Accounts	50,859.92	1,848.86		52,708.78	50,863.49	1,845.29
Reserves		39,300.00		39,300.00	39,300.00	
Surplus	96,370.76	23,754.44		120,125.20	81,258.75	38,866.45
	<u>\$152,979.98</u>	<u>\$90,628.07</u>	<u>\$16,303.07</u>	<u>\$227,304.98</u>	<u>\$180,343.13</u>	<u>\$46,961.85</u>

a malpractice liability policy with Underwriters at Lloyds to protect them against any liability of this fund to the extent of \$5,000.00 for any one case, or a total of \$46,000.00. This policy is written for a five year term, expiring January 15, 1945.

The changes in this fund during the year were as follows:—

Balance, January 1, 1943.....	\$49,708.00
Additions during 1943.....	1,151.92
Interest on Bonds.....	\$1,008.75
Savings Bank Interest.....	143.17
Balance, December 31, 1943.....	<u>\$50,859.92</u>

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION TO ENDOWMENT FUND—\$255.60:

TRUST ACCOUNT—\$50,859.92:

BENEVOLENCE ACCOUNT—\$5,431.20:

These items are contra to the same funds shown under the assets, and have been discussed in detail hereinabove. DUE TO INDEMNITY TRUST FUND—\$62.50:

This represents income received by the Trustees belonging to the Indemnity Trust Fund which will be transferred to the Trust Fund in 1944.

SURPLUS—\$96,370.76:

Details of the Surplus appear on the Balance Sheet and call for no further comment. The only change during the year was the addition of the net income for the year.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

We have exhibited income and expenditure in this statement in comparative form for the years 1943 and 1942, together with increase or decrease in each item, and have satisfied ourselves that all income has been correctly accounted and that expenditures are proper.

Very truly yours,

HOOD AND STRONG.

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TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (A CORPORATION) San Francisco, California

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1943

ASSETS		
CASH		\$ 7,860.14
On Deposit—Bank of America, N.T.&S.A.: Commercial Account.....	\$ 337.71	
Savings Account.....	7,522.43	
INVESTMENTS		72,270.05
U. S. Government Securities	72,000.00	
Accrued Interest.....	270.05	
DUE FROM CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ..		16,303.07
ENDOWMENT FUND—HELD IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT...		255.60
BENEVOLENCE FUND—HELD IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT...		5,431.20
TRUST FUND		50,859.92
Savings Accounts	13,616.68	
Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.	\$7,003.04	
American Trust Co.	6,613.64	
U. S. Government Securities	37,000.00	
Accrued Interest to December 31, 1943.....	180.74	
Due from Trustees of the California Medical Association	62.50	\$152,979.98

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION TO ENDOWMENT FUND..	255.60
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TRUST ACCOUNT	50,859.92	
BENEVOLENCE ACCOUNT...	5,431.20	
DUE TO INDEMNITY TRUST FUND	62.50	56,609.22
SURPLUS		96,370.76
Representing the amount by which the total Assets exceed the Liabilities as of December 31, 1943, being—		
Contributed Surplus received from California Medical Association	75,000.00	
Earned Surplus	21,370.76	
Balance, January 1, 1943	19,491.82	
Net Income, Year 1943	1,878.94	152,979.98

TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (A CORPORATION) San Francisco, California

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE COMPARATIVE FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1943 AND DECEMBER 31, 1942

	YEAR ENDED—		INCREASE <i>Decrease</i>
	DECEMBER 31, 1943	DECEMBER 31, 1942	
INCOME:			
Interest on Bonds.....	\$1,967.62	\$1,546.25	\$421.37
Interest on Savings Accounts	69.17	106.24	37.07
	<u>\$2,036.79</u>	<u>\$1,652.49</u>	<u>\$384.30</u>
EXPENSE:			
Audit Fee	126.00	130.00	4.00
Miscellaneous	31.85	56.00	24.15
	<u>\$ 157.85</u>	<u>\$ 186.00</u>	<u>\$ 28.15</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$1,878.94</u>	<u>\$1,466.49</u>	<u>\$412.45</u>

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your Executive Secretary submits the following report for the calendar year 1943:

1. *General.* The Association office has been well maintained during the year, with regular duties and special orders of the Council carried out as expeditiously as possible. The office staff of four assistants has performed in an exceptionally fine manner and should be complimented on a fine spirit of coöperation. Office equipment has required careful maintenance during the year, particularly the typewriters, which cannot be replaced under existing priority regulations. Provision has been made in the budget for 1945 for the purchase of added equipment, provided such items are available by that time. During 1943 it was possible to acquire one used card filing cabinet to accommodate the ever-increasing membership records.

2. *Financial.* The Association operated profitably for the year, the auditor's figures showing a surplus of \$36,987 of receipts over expenditures. This compares with a deficit of \$9,529 for 1942. At the year-end the Association showed an accumulated surplus of \$23,754, compared with a deficit of \$13,233 at the close of 1942. Comparative figures of receipts and expenditures are printed elsewhere in this issue, under the report of the Treasurer.

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was produced for the year at an out-of-pocket cost of \$1,336, compared with a similar cost of \$573 for 1942. This slight increase resulted entirely from an increase in printing costs, and

in advertising commissions paid out on an increased volume of advertising.

During 1943 the Association repaid to the Trustees of the California Medical Association a total of \$30,195, thereby reducing the loan from the Trustees to \$16,303. It is believed possible to repay this balance early in 1944.

The Trustees have invested the loan repayment from the Association in War Bonds, bringing total Government bonds in the Trustees' account to \$109,000. Of this total, \$72,000 is held clear and \$37,000 is held in trust for the Indemnity Defense Fund.

The Indemnity Defense Fund, for which the Trustees of the C. M. A. are acting as trustees, now shows \$50,860 in assets, including \$37,000 in Government bonds and \$13,860 in cash and receivables. This fund is due to be liquidated early in 1945, at which time a maximum of about \$4,000 is due to be paid to members of the fund. The balance of these assets, after payments to members, will revert to the Trustees of the C. M. A.

For 1944, financial prospects are bright. Membership dues are running somewhat ahead of estimates, and expenses are being kept within budgeted levels. The Journal should be produced, on the basis of current estimates, at a total figure within anticipated revenues.

3. *California and Western Medicine.* As noted above, your Journal showed a slightly higher out-of-pocket cost for 1943 than for 1942. For this year it is necessary to reduce the number of pages printed, in order to comply with federal paper conservation orders. It is contemplated that a standard issue of 88 pages will be printed, with necessary additions for pre-convention and convention report numbers. The decrease in size will probably just about offset the increase in printing prices brought about by war conditions.

Starting with the April, 1944, issue, the Journal will again be printed in Los Angeles. Experience has shown, since the printing was returned from Los Angeles to San Francisco in July, 1943, that we can expect a comparable quality, better service and a lower cost by printing in Los Angeles.

Advertising revenues continue to increase and it is hoped that a large part of our increased business may be retained after the war ceases and our advertisers no longer feel compelled to promote their products in print rather than pay higher income taxes. We have tried to accommodate all legitimate advertising space requests, on the theory that the friends we make by taking care of these requirements today will continue to be our friends and customers in later years. If only a part of this hope may be realized, it is apparent that the Journal may be a comfortable source of income in normal times and may, at the same time, continue to serve the members of the Association.

4. *Annual Session.* There were no technical exhibits at the 1943 Annual Session and none are planned for 1944. This means that there is no revenue from that source and that the Annual Session is a direct cost to the Association. Every effort will be made to keep this cost to a minimum, consistent with the standards of the Association.

5. *Procurement and Assignment Service.* During 1943 your Executive Secretary has devoted a fair portion of his time to assisting in the functions of the Procurement and Assignment Service office in San Francisco. In accordance with the expressed wishes of the Council, this work naturally acts for the benefit of the profession and thus for the benefit of the Association. These efforts will be continued at the direction of the Council.

6. *Public Relations.* In his report for 1942 your Executive Secretary stressed the necessity of maintaining cordial public relations, particularly during the absence of almost one-third of the Association members in military

service. The Council has recently received the findings of a public relations survey conducted by an outstanding professional concern and is now acting to put into action some of the recommendations of that report. Members of the Association will be able to cooperate in this effort by keeping themselves informed of Council actions and decisions in this regard and by taking their own part in group activities scheduled by the Council.

In another field, California has taken the lead in assuring the establishment of a Washington information bureau to serve as a two-way nerve center for medicine. The United Public Health League was proposed in a meeting of Western State Medical Association representatives in Salt Lake City on December 11, 1943, and was made a reality at a second meeting on January 29, 1944. It is planned to open an office in Washington, D. C., early this year under the temporary charge of Mr. Ben H. Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California. This office will act to keep Congressmen and Government officials informed on public health matters and on the attitude of medical practitioners on various proposals and, at the same time, will keep physicians informed on various legislative and bureau programs in Washington. Agitation for such an office has grown throughout the country in the last year or two, and it is apparent that the opening of this office will serve a long-felt need. Your Executive Secretary has been named executive secretary of the United Public Health League and will do his best to keep this movement a force for the betterment of the profession and of professional standards.

7. *Conclusion.* Acknowledgment is hereby gladly given for the invaluable assistance of the President, the Chairman of the Council, the members of the Council and the officers of the county societies. Without this assistance the Executive Secretary would find his position impossible to fill, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge the help given by so many members and officers of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUNTON, *Executive Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

To the President and the House of Delegates:

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, as the official publication of organized medicine in California, last year printed material as listed in the following summary:

Editorials	51
Editorial Comment Articles.....	22
Scientific and General (Original) Articles.....	92
Case Report Articles.....	7
Major State Association Committee Reports.....	129
Major Miscellany Departments.....	54

Toward the close of last year, publishers throughout the United States were informed the Government would demand a reduction of at least ten per cent in size of all publications; in order, through paper conservation, to promote the war effort. As a consequence, the 96 pages heretofore authorized as the ceiling size of C. and W. M. by the House of Delegates and the Council, and divided on the average between 48 pages for text and 48 for advertising matter, will be cut down to make now an 86-page publication.

Because in one sense C. and W. M. serves, primarily as the bulletin of organized medicine in California; and since, under present conditions, departments such as those of war effort, legislative and health education must receive emphasis, in order to acquaint C.M.A. members with current trends in these important relationships—it follows that the amount of space for original or scientific articles will be limited.

Through by-law provision (Chapter VII, Sections 4 and 5), it is decreed that all addresses and papers presented at annual sessions of the Association shall automatically become its property,—for possible use in C. and W. M., unless permission is granted by the constituted authorities to publish elsewhere. When the OFFICIAL JOURNAL came into existence in November, 1902,—at a time when the total membership was 1,073,—it was possible to print nearly all annual session papers. In recent years, however, the number of manuscripts received at annual sessions and from component county societies is far in excess of the space now available for such printing. It is important that members keep these facts in mind, since the Editorial Board, which through Council action decides what papers shall be accepted, must abide by the ceiling number of pages stipulated by the Council and the Government. The Editorial Board cannot change the rules under which it functions.

Several years ago, the size of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was larger than at present, and its production costs were correspondingly greater. To cut down on the costs,—and if possible, make C. and W. M. self-supporting from its advertising income,—the House of Delegates and Council set the ceiling number of pages at 96, this being now, still further reduced by Government directive. However, even though the size of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is thus curtailed, no hardship should result to physicians through lack of available reading matter as regards scientific topics, since the J.A.M.A. and the many specialty journals published by the American Medical Association and other organizations, supply an ample sufficiency of such articles.

Contributors to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE must keep in mind that the OFFICIAL JOURNAL of the California Medical Association came not into existence nor is it intended to be a publication, primarily for the exposition of scientific articles, but rather, the expression of Organized Medicine in the State of California.

The great majority of members of the California Medical Association find it impossible to attend the annual sessions. However they, in like proportion as their more fortunate fellows, pay the same amount of annual dues, and are as fully entitled to their fair representation in the official publication, of which they also are part owners. Their OFFICIAL JOURNAL should portray to them, the transactions of the Association to which they pay their dues.

For reasons such as these, the pages of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE cannot be limited to one geographical locality, nor dedicated to the wishes or aspirations of any one group of members, no matter how laudable or scientific their presentations.

Because, during the last year, some unfortunate experiences have been had, through misunderstanding of these basic rules, these statements are here made. The unhappy complications which have arisen, might have been altogether avoided, if the procedures in the Council's and Editorial Board's brochure on "Suggestions to Authors" and the correspondence in connection therewith, had been observed.

The Editorial Board and Editor again express their thanks to all who have submitted articles for consideration, and express the hope for continued coöperation, even though it may not always be possible to find space for all papers submitted. Appreciation is also expressed to Dr. W. H. Manwaring of Stanford, for his continued interest and aid in supplying articles for the Editorial Comment Department.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. KRESS, *Editor*.

REPORT OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT

To the President and the House of Delegates:

We present herewith, in condensed form, the report of this department for the year.

Fee Schedule in Compensation Cases.—The application of the Association for a new fee schedule was filed October 19, 1942. This application was subsequently revised and the revised proposed schedule was filed January 5, 1943, with the approval of Dr. R. W. Harbaugh, the Medical Director of the Commission.

On February 15, 1943, a public hearing was held. At this hearing it was stated, on behalf of the Association, that the present fee schedule in force since June 1, 1920, lists only 87 procedures and operations as against 543 set forth in the proposed schedule; that the existing fee schedule, in effect now for over 23 years, is inadequate and unfair to the injured employee as well as to his attending physician; that in the intervening years compensation benefits have been increased; medical practice has made great advances; that the cost of a doctor's instruments and appliances, his rent, his assistants and secretarial help, and even of his education has greatly increased; that during this interval there has been a great increase in the number of people employed, with substantial increases in wages and decreases in the rates of compensation insurance.

After taking the application under advisement, the Commission subsequently deferred action pending the possible enactment of legislation affecting the matter. A bill sponsored by labor representatives prohibiting rebates of physicians' fees under the act was amended at the suggestion of the Association's counsel to give the Commission far greater authority, and particularly to pass upon and approve agreements by insurance carriers and employers for the furnishing of medical service before such agreements could become effective. At the Association's instance, a new bill to the same effect was introduced in the Senate. Both bills encountered strong opposition from insurance companies, and, finally, labor notified the Association's representatives that it could not support these bills at that session.

In May last, in a letter to Dr. Gilman, Chairman of the Council, the chairman of the Commission stated: "If you could, as chairman of the Council of the California Medical Association, undertake some fundamental and long-range program whereby uniform rates of medical fees are demanded and adhered to by the medical profession, with the necessary machinery for disciplinary action for infraction, etc., I feel that progress could be made and our objections (to granting the application) may be largely overcome."

In response to this, the membership of the Association was canvassed by mail and between 75 per cent and 80 per cent of the members, as well as nonmember practicing physicians, signed pledge cards agreeing to adhere to the fee schedule as fixed by the Commission and to the ethics prescribed for this practice. This canvass took some months, and it was not until about the end of December that Chairman Gilman was able to notify the Commission that Mr. Scharrenberg's suggestions had been carried out.

Correspondence since this time with the Commission has concerned itself primarily with the Commission's position that the adoption of the fee schedule would have an injurious effect upon the State Fund. The Association's position is that no such result need be feared; that the well-being of the injured workman is the first consideration; that such well-being will be attained by paying fair and adequate fees, and that insurance carriers and employers as a whole will comply with the orders of the Commission. The present management of the State Fund has been entirely opposed to the medical profession.

Its viewpoint seems to be that the State Fund is an insurance carrier, and that its popularity must be maintained by returning to its assured, large portions of their premiums. There will unquestionably be developments in this matter before the annual meeting.

Legislation.—As reported last year, this department analyzed and rendered opinions on all bills introduced in the last Legislature affecting physicians, medical practice and the public health. Subsequent to the adjournment of the last session, a number of specific bills required our attention and even appearances at Sacramento. We have also, on request, made a careful analysis of the federal Wagner bill.

Wartime Legal Problems.—Wage and Hour Law:—We were requested to examine the Wage and Hour Law and render opinions in connection with its operation. The Office of Price Administration also raised a problem in connection with the rationing of foods in cases of patients on restricted diets. Forms were worked out for the board in San Francisco, which have been used satisfactorily. Our attendance and advice were requested at meetings of the Procurement and Coördinating Committee regarding use of beds in county hospitals, and in connection with other problems regarding medical service for shipyard employees, etc.

County Societies.—Considerable correspondence and several conferences were held with members of the Riverside County Medical Society in connection with the county hospital there, where a difficult question was presented. We also rendered an opinion regarding a situation created at the Kaiser Fontana Plant.

Opinions were rendered to members in Visalia in connection with the operation of the Visalia Community Hospital.

Among others, an important opinion was rendered to the Los Angeles County Medical Society in connection with the publication of certain proceedings of the board of directors, trustees and a committee in relation to mutual diagnostic laboratories.

Several societies faced the question of temporary membership, on which we were consulted.

For the Placer-Sierra-Nevada County Society we drafted resolutions and other papers for the adoption of its new constitution and by-laws.

United Public Health League.—One of the most interesting pieces of work done this year was the attendance at two conferences at Salt Lake City, held by representatives of six western states, and the drafting of a constitution and by-laws for the United Public Health League and other papers and opinions in connection with the organization of this new body for the establishment of a public information bureau at Washington, D. C.

Opinions.—The general number of opinions have been prepared and issued, and we have, as usual, attended meetings of the Council, and various committee meetings and conferences throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARTLEY F. PEART, *General Counsel.*

REPORTS OF DISTRICT COUNCILORS

FIRST COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Medical affairs of the First District have not been so quiet this year as in previous years. There have been so many national requirements of our profession with which they have not been in sympathy, and which do not conform with the practice of medicine, that much confusion has come into being in the medical profession.

Many of the medical men are away, leaving the older men at home to carry on the increased amount of work.

All the societies have been visited and the same situation exists in all parts of the district. Too much work to do and too few men available to do it. The men at home have a dual responsibility of doing work at home and carrying on for the men who will return to their work when there is a cessation of warfare. So far as the men at home are concerned, it would make little difference to them. They would much rather not have the responsibility at this time; however, one must carry on now for the men who are in the battle fronts and will return to their homes and practice.

At this time there seems to be no relief for the men on the home front with the Murray-Wagner Bill threatening us, and all labor unions and administrative forces favoring its passage. It would look as though we were facing defeat and that the practice of medicine in the not too distant future would be unlike it has been in the past. The days of the family physician are numbered, as seen by present conditions.

It must be the thought of the men of the First District to carry on as long as it is needed. If this change in medicine is going to come, let's do what we can to keep it out of federal control, and retain it under the direction and control of the medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvert L. Emmons, *Councilor,*
First District.

SECOND COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Los Angeles County

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The activity of your Councilor from the Second District has been mainly in connection with the activities of the Council as a whole. Your Councilor served as chairman of the Committee on the Industrial Fee Schedule during the previous year, and this matter of fee schedule has since been taken over by a different committee, headed by our Councilor, Mr. Hartley Peart. The matter is still under advisement, and is progressing slowly, inasmuch as this is something which requires considerable coöperation between the Industrial Accident Commission, our own members, and the insurance carriers throughout the State. We feel that this is a very worthy work, and is ably being carried on by Mr. Peart and his fellow committeemen at this time.

Your Councilor has made several visits to subsidiary medical groups in the County of Los Angeles, and delivered several addresses on public relations activities of our organized medicine as related to those of similar nature of the American Medical Association. There have been many informal meetings, as well as set talks, and also correspondence with the Council on Industrial Health of the A.M.A.

I believe the past year has been one in which an enormous backlog of ground work has been laid for future public relations of the Medical Association, both in coöperation with the American Medical Association and as an independent group of our own. The details of this work will be reported by the chairman of the Council in his annual report. We hope that the work will continue throughout the next year, and the following years, and will blossom into something which will mean a great deal both to the present and the future of all organized medicine, and for the health of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cass, *Councilor,*
Second District.

THIRD COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Inyo-Mono Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The component societies of the Third Councilor District are all active and well organized, and things seem to be running very smoothly. Each society has been visited, except one in the outlying section of the District. Membership of all societies has been sharply reduced, but the necessary work is being handled by the physicians that remain. While it might be considered that there is a shortage of physicians, there is no acute distress from lack of medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Henderson, *Councilor,*
Third District.

FOURTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Fresno, Madera, Kings, Tulare, Merced, Mariposa, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Some difficulty has been found in securing speakers for the scientific programs of County Society Meetings, and it is suggested that an effort be made to combine hospital staff meetings and programs with society activities, and have papers and case reports from local members. The medical officers in the District have supplied some programs. The membership is urged to watch political developments, especially in regard to the threat of Federal Socialized Medicine, and cooperate whenever possible with the legislative and public relations activities of the C.M.A. Wholehearted support for C.P.S. and Hospital Service Groups is required, as it appears to be our most potent defense against regimented medical practice.

Our members are too busy to give the time and thought needed to problems affecting our future welfare; but we owe some effort to preserve the private practice of medicine for the many younger members in the armed forces and generations of practitioners to follow us. Let us get together on this one big issue and fight for our rights.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Anderson, *Councilor,*
Fourth District.

FIFTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Santa Clara Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It has been impossible this year, due to prevailing circumstances, to very closely service the counties of this District, but I have attempted to keep in touch with the problems to give them any assistance that I could.

The plans which are formulating in the Council are just crystalizing and that information will be given to the component counties of the Fifth District.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. Kneeshaw, *Councilor,*
Fifth District.

SIXTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

San Francisco County

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year, the San Francisco County Medical Society has been called upon to adjust itself to increased demands for medical service in the face of diminishing membership. Numerous other problems arising out of the War have been met in satisfactory manner.

The scientific activities of the Society have been curtailed, and a greater amount of time devoted to consideration of economic factors having a bearing on the future of medicine, problems caused by increase in population, the relationship of Civilian Defense to the

Red Cross and the problem presented by increased demands for hospitalization and nursing.

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank has continued to render its excellent service to the community and the surrounding area.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Cline, *Councilor,*
Sixth District.

SEVENTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year your Councilor of the Seventh District has been confronted with many problems relating to medical and hospital care due to:

(a) Sudden increase of population because of shipyard activities.

The increased population of the entire San Francisco Bay area has been about 24 per cent. The largest increases have been in the cities of Alameda and Richmond.

(b) Shortage of doctors.

Many doctors have gone into the Military Service, which in normal times, without increased population, would have made medical service inadequate to the general public. Doctors who are not eligible for military service have been brought into various communities in this District, which has only partially solved the situation. C.P.S. has employed doctors on salaries, which has solved the problem in some cases, but not in others. The Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond have their own Emergency Hospital and First Aid Stations employing salaried physicians.

(c) Shortage of hospital beds.

There are plenty of beds available for indigents in the Alameda County Hospital but, notwithstanding, contrary to reports, there is a shortage of private hospital beds.

A little over one year ago several hospitals in the East Bay Area, which are in the business of supplying beds to the public, were denied priorities for additions of a temporary nature, while Permanente Hospital in Oakland was granted priorities (the first part of the year) to build a permanent addition with taxpayers money.

All classes of people should have adequate medical and hospital service; that is why so many people favor some kind of socialized medicine. I sincerely hope that the committee working on the Mannix recommendations will find an early solution to the most urgent problem ever confronting the medical profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd E. Kindall, *Councilor,*
Seventh District.

EIGHTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Eldorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year the annual visit of officials of the C.M.A. to the various county medical societies has been omitted, due to transportation restrictions and other wartime curtailments. Unfortunately, also, county medical society programs have been difficult to arrange, and meetings have been poorly attended because of overwork on the part of the physicians and the excessive distance necessary to travel in order to attend meetings in this District. Physicians in military service have arranged many interesting and scientific programs for county medical societies during the past year.

Close contact has been maintained between county medical societies and the various army camps located nearby, to the mutual advantage of both military and civilian physicians.

The physicians in this district, in spite of their greatly increased duties, have remained alert to the numerous attempts by outside influences to change the present methods of medical practice. A continuation of this attitude is essential in order to maintain medical standards, and to prevent the encroachment of bureaucratic control.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. MacDonald, *Councilor*,
Eighth District.

NINTH COUNCILOR DISTRICT

Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa,
Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties

To the President and the House of Delegates:

An ever-increasing stream of patients has kept your Councilor so busy that time has not allowed visits to all the County Societies in the District. However, reports of the activities of the Council of the California Medical Association have been mailed from my office to Mendocino-Lake, Siskiyou and Humboldt County Societies.

It has been my pleasure to be present in person at meetings of Solano, Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties more than once during 1943. These Counties are nearby. In Solano County every effort has been made to further the usefulness of California Physicians' Service in the Housing Units, and it can now be authoritatively stated that California Physicians' Service is successful here, and a unit value of \$2.50 has been maintained for October, November, December, 1943 and January, 1944.

It has been a privilege, and most educational for me, to have been able to attend most of the Council meetings, and I have made every effort to make the information received available to all members of the California Medical Association in my District. I am proud of the present success of California Physicians' Service in Solano County.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Green, *Councilor*,
Ninth District.

REPORTS OF COUNCILORS-AT-LARGE

To the President and the House of Delegates:

As a Councilor-at-Large of the California Medical Association, I have attended all of the Council meetings save one to date.

During the past year many things of importance have transpired, and as your Councilor-at-Large I have tried to take an active and constructive part in the discussion of the problems as they have arisen.

The work of the Council this year has been heavy and of necessity has taken much time, but I believe that the work done and accomplished will make itself shown in the future conduct of the California Medical Association and associated groups, and likewise, I believe, will receive the approbation of many of our confreres who are in the Armed Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. Bruck, *Councilor-at-Large*.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

It has been my privilege to attend all of the Council meetings in the past year, and to keep the members in my locality informed of the problems facing the Association and its membership. To me, the past year has brought many interesting developments, and, with the steps that have been taken, it is to be hoped that gratifying accomplishment will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Dewey, *Councilor-at-Large*.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

As one of the six Councilors-at-Large, I have attended every meeting of the Council in the past year, and have carried out my assignment as Chairman of the Council and a member of various committees appointed by the Council. Although on active duty with United States Navy, I have continued to be stationed in San Francisco, where I have been able to attend to my obligations as a Councilor, a situation which has been made possible by the generosity of my superior officers.

Respectfully submitted,

P. K. Gilman, *Councilor-at-Large*.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

As one of your Councilors-at-Large, I have attended all regular and special meetings of the Council during the year; have visited the majority of the component societies in the First District; and have endeavored to promote coöperation among the organized groups of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. McClendon, *Councilor-at-Large*.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the last year I have attended all the meetings of the Council, except one, when illness prevented. Orientation of the profession to the changing perspective of the practice of medicine has been the major problem of the year. The bogey of some federal scheme of medical practice is an ever-present danger. I believe every member of the Council is keenly alert to this danger and is fulfilling his obligation to the profession by his diligence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Earl Moody, *Councilor-at-Large*.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year, in my function as Councilor-at-Large, I have endeavored at all times to consider most carefully the many important problems that have presented themselves for decision, and to arrive at a solution that would be for the best interests of the medical profession as a whole.

I have kept my own San Joaquin County Society fully informed as to the problems of organized medicine and legislative activities, and have, as well, reported on the progress and scope of the California Physicians' Service.

It has been a pleasure to coöperate with the secretary-editor, Dr. George H. Kress, and the executive secretary, Mr. John Hunton, and the members of the Council in their sincere endeavor to wisely solve the many problems before us.

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey R. Powell, *Councilor-at-Large*.

Regarding Reservations

Members are reminded to make all reservations promptly.

This advice applies to the following:

- (a) Rail or Air Way Transportation Reservations.
- (b) Hotel Reservations.
- (c) Reservations for "Dinner to the President."

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Group

John W. Cline, Chairman
 Karl L. Schaupp, President
 Lowell S. Goin, President-Elect
 E. Vincent Askey, Speaker, House of Delegates
 Philip K. Gilman, Chairman of the Council
 John W. Cline, Chairman, Auditing Committee
 William R. Molony, Sr., Past-President
 George H. Kress, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Executive Committee has met in part or in whole a number of times during the past year. In the intervals between Council meetings, it has transacted important business for the Council. When only a portion of the membership was present, the remaining members have been informed of actions by mail and their opinions and votes solicited.

All acts of the Executive Committee have been reviewed by the Council, and these actions and their approval have been published in the minutes of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Cline, *Chairman.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Executive Group

John W. Cline, Chairman, 1944
 Edwin L. Bruck, 1944 Lloyd E. Kindall, 1944

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Auditing Committee has performed the functions laid down in the by-laws. The professional audit of the Association books showed them to have been accurately kept, and the Committee has submitted its recommendations for the 1945 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Cline, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Executive Group

Dwight H. Murray, Chairman, 1944
 Anthony B. Diepenbrock, 1945 Edmund T. Remmen, 1946
 Karl L. Schaupp, ex officio Lowell S. Goin, ex officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Public Policy and Legislation holds no formal meetings, but functions practically every day in the year. It maintains a constant contact with the Public Health League of California, which attends to actual legislative matters, with our advice, assistance and instructions. Mr. Ben H. Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California, has, as usual, handled our affairs in a most creditable fashion.

The 1943 legislative session at Sacramento saw the usual number and variety of bills introduced with some bearing on public health or the practice of medicine. Of 3,397 bills introduced in the session, 334 had some public health implications. Your committee introduced no bills of its own, but acted in favor of some measures and in opposition to others. While not all of the bills we favored were actually passed, it is comforting to report that every one of the twenty-seven bills we opposed was defeated. Thus, while we did not gain all that we favored, we saw twenty-four out of thirty-nine favorable bills adopted, while another eight were lost and seven were dropped by

the original sponsors. This record is in keeping with past reports and represents the respect in which our Sacramento contacts are held.

As to The United Public Health League, the organization was formed out of two meetings held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 11, 1943, and January 29, 1944. Representatives from the eleven Western State Medical Associations were invited to these meetings, and six states were represented by officers or legislative chairmen at each meeting. Out of these conferences there has been formed The United Public Health League, the avowed purpose of which is to establish in Washington, D. C., an information bureau with the two-way function of gathering and disseminating information of importance both to government officials and to medicine. This bureau is to function for the benefit of the state medical associations and other groups which maintain membership in the League. Under the terms of the Statement of Principles adopted by the founders, the League is not to oppose any known policies of the American Medical Association and is not to act counter to the interests of the A.M.A. Its one function is to supplement the activities of the national organization in legislative matters, leaving the scientific and educational activities of the A.M.A. in its capable hands.

Your chairman has been honored by election as chairman of The United Public Health League. He has further been honored to have been included in the list of speakers at the February 13, 1944, meeting of the National Conference on Medical Service in Chicago, where he told the assembled delegates about The United Public Health League. The National Conference commended the League, but voted that the A.M.A. should properly carry out the objectives the League had proposed. Since that time the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations of the A.M.A. has voted to establish a Washington office and the A.M.A. Board of Trustees has approved this move. The United Public Health League is awaiting with interest the developments by the Council on Medical Service and Public Relations, and is hopeful that this newly-adopted program may be beneficial to the physicians of California and all other States.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight H. Murray, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

Executive Group

John V. Barrow, Chairman, 1946
 Edwin L. Bruck, 1944 Clarence E. Rees, 1945

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The opportunity to assist Associated Societies and Technical Groups during the past year has been about as usual. Each member has used his individual time and attention to aid the Nurses Association, the Hospital Association and the Hospital Committees from our respective county medical groups. The Physicians' Aid Association has received a great deal of our attention. Each county has been made more conscious of the present need and the possible future need from unfortunate members of the Association all over the State. The county probably in greatest need has been that of Los Angeles. It has been our greatest pleasure to see an enormous impetus toward permanent care for this group of our fellow practitioners and their individual families. The

State Association has been faithful to its charge in extending its help, and it is with pride that we can assure the Association of the fine work and spirit of each individual, and each committee in handling this Physicians' Aid. The full report of this work will be interesting knowledge to the Association and its officers when the latter make their full report to the Council.

Each one of the Committee has been called upon to assist in every way possible in the hospital situation, as it has been involved with federal insurance and individual propositions for more hospital beds.

We have acted to our best ability on the Advisory Committee on the State Nurses Association, and have tried to direct our opinions in harmony with policies of the Council and House of Delegates. We believe the coming year will see great activity in the education of technical workers. We believe there will be much need for solid advice to the Nurses Associations and to hospital staffs.

The Committee is anxious to carry out any further work entrusted to it by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Barrow, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Executive Group

John C. Ruddock, *Chairman*, 1944

C. M. Burchfield, 1945

J. C. Gelger, 1946

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The members of the Committee on Health and Public Instruction have held no regular formal meetings during the past year.

Your chairman is on active duty in the U. S. Navy and is assigned to duty with the Naval Officer Procurement program in the 11th Naval District. He has been and is closely associated with the Procurement and Assignment Service in the obtaining of physicians for military duty. The need for physicians in the military service at this time is urgent. Approximately some 700 physicians, between the ages of 18-38, in this State have been deferred because of industrial positions. The need of the armed forces for physicians is paramount, and it is the opinion of the Chairman of the Committee that organized medicine should recognize the needs of filling the quota from California with doctors within the military age group. The failure to meet this challenge by organized medicine could result in the complete regimentation of the practice of medicine. It is recommended that the House of Delegates enact such legislation or pass such measures that will assist the Procurement and Assignment Chairman of the State of California in releasing young doctors of military age from a so-called "essential position," that he may be made available to the armed forces. There should be no place in organized medicine for a young doctor who avoids military service because of lack of patriotism or greed.

Two matters of importance have been reported to the Chairman of the Committee by the Secretary of the California Medical Association during the year 1943:

Special Tuberculosis Committee: At the request of the American College of Chest Surgeons, a special subcommittee on tuberculosis has been appointed. This committee is as follows: Robert A. Peers, Chairman, Colfax; Harry Warren, California Sanatorium, Belmont; E. W. Hayes, 129 N. Canyon Drive, Monrovia; F. M. Pottinger, Sr., 1930 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles; Steven A. Parowski, 2529 Fourth Avenue, San Diego.

The work of this committee will be in conformance

with the request of the American College of Chest Physicians. Their report, when submitted, will be given out through the Secretary of the American College of Medicine.

Liaison with the California State Bar Association With Regard to Solving the Problem of Prostitution and Delinquency as It Affects the Venereal Disease Control Program as Outlined by the Surgeon-General of the U. S. Public Health Service:

Your Chairman has met with Mr. Michael P. Shannon, chairman of the Southern California Section of the California State Bar Association, of the Committee to Investigate the Administration of Criminal Justice. This matter was referred to this committee by the Board of Governors of the State Bar Association.

A communication on January 8, 1943, from the Surgeon-General to the Secretary of the California Medical Association, suggested that a meeting should be held in order to formulate suggestions and recommendations for a coordinated effort of venereal disease control by the Medical Profession and the State Bar Association. Your Chairman was selected by the Council of the California Medical Association for this meeting. All matters pertaining to venereal disease control were thoroughly discussed and the following agreements were made:

The Chairman, Mr. Michael F. Shannon, agrees to make the following recommendations to the California State Bar Association:

1. That the California State Bar Association recognizes the problem of venereal disease control in the State of California as regards the civilian and military personnel, and further recognizes the fact that the source of venereal disease is in the civilian population.

2. That a close liaison be maintained by the local bar association and lawyers and the public health enforcement agencies.

3. That the California State Bar Association invite the California State Medical Association to submit any recommendations for change in the present statutes or any legislation for review, in order that a coordinated, cooperative movement may be instigated for accompanying such changes.

4. That, the California State Bar Association will review, after receiving such problems, the various statutes as pertained to venereal disease control towards affecting such changes as will solve the prostitution and delinquency problems affecting this program. It is suggested that the Council of the California Medical Association instigate, through the office of the Secretary, such recommendations as would enable the completion of such a liaison between the California Medical Association and the California Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ruddock, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND OBITUARIES Executive Group

Morton R. Gibbons, Sr., *Chairman*, 1944

Robert A. Peers, 1945

Hyman Miller, 1946

George H. Kress, *ex officio*

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The second full year of war found an ever-increasing call upon members of the medical profession for service in the armed forces, on land and sea, in far countries and home ports.

Medical School graduates go almost automatically, and immediately, into the service of Army or Navy, without opportunity of becoming established as members of County Medical Societies or the State Association. They nevertheless must not be overlooked when the time comes

to prepare a history of the service of the profession in this war. The Committee on History and Obituaries must rely upon County Medical Societies to collect data on the personal experiences of these young physicians who hold residence in their counties, as well as similar material anent the services of members.

Our Committee looks to the historians of County Societies to produce a file of correspondence, clippings, and reports of personal experiences; in short, all information which will be of value to the California Medical Association in preparing an adequate compilation and history of the service of the medical profession during these critical years—service on the home front as well as in the armed forces.

A list of the members who have died during the past year is appended. California and Western Medicine has published suitable obituaries in commemoration of many of these.

Respectfully submitted,

Morton R. Gibbons, Sr., *Chairman.*

In Memoriam

Alameda County

George Cecil Browne (January 20, 1943)
Oliver Deveta Hamlin (October 11, 1943)
Frank Roscoe Makinson (April 18, 1943)
Gurdon Potter (December 2, 1943)
William Fletcher Priestley (May 29, 1943)
John Milton Ward (October 30, 1943)

Butte-Glenn County

Thomas Hartwell Brown (May 17, 1943)

Contra Costa County

Ursa S. Abbott (November 23, 1943)

Fresno County

Carleton Mathewson (March 1, 1943)

Los Angeles County

Edwin Abraham Beard (January 4, 1943)
John Ira Boyer (February 21, 1943)
Caesar George Cahen (April 29, 1943)
Jay Henry Caldwell (February 27, 1943)
Robert Lide Carroll (June 7, 1943)
Albert Harlan Currie (April 19, 1943)
George Deacon (May 24, 1943)
Ernest William Fleming (March 7, 1943)
John Rollin French (September 28, 1943)
Leonard Harry Green (September 26, 1943)
Maurice William Gumpert (February 24, 1943)
Frank Ignatius Horn (May 6, 1943)
Verne Carlton Hunt (December 12, 1943)
J. Leon Jones (January 4, 1943)
Vincent J. Keating (July 31, 1943)
Cleve Edwin Kindall (December 12, 1943)
George Buchanan Kryder (November 18, 1943)
Harry Lloyd McCarthy (July 25, 1943)
Edward Austin McManus (June 9, 1943)
Joseph Edward Miller (September 13, 1943)
David Hubbell More (November 4, 1943)
Lewis Burrows Morton (October 19, 1943)
Aloysius E. O'Flaherty (October 7, 1943)
Francis John Pursell (September 16, 1943)
Hyman Rapaport (June 16, 1943)
Harlan Shoemaker (December 11, 1943)
Alonzo De Moines Snyder (February 16, 1943)
Francis White Steddum (November 17, 1943)
Willard John Stone (October 30, 1943)
Arthur Peter Thompson (November 10, 1943)
Clifford Black Walker (July 3, 1943)
Avrum Herman Zeller (July 16, 1943)

Monterey County

Jonas Clark (December 31, 1943)

Napa County

Irving Eugene Charlesworth (February 28, 1943)

Orange County

Albert Emery Chase (September 15, 1943)
Dorsey Alford Harwood (July 17, 1943)
Arthur Colby Robbins (April 21, 1943)

Riverside County

William H. Chapman (August 19, 1943)
John C. King (October 21, 1943)

Sacramento County

Wilfred Francis Lowe (September 11, 1943)
Aaron Joshua Rosanoff (January 7, 1943)

San Bernardino County

Marcus Philip Hambleton (March 16, 1943)
Albert Daniel Neubert (October 29, 1943)
Samuel Benjamin Pond (July 20, 1943)
Edward Henry Risley (February 7, 1943)

San Diego County

Clarence Pennell Baxter (April 27, 1943)
Andrew Jack Hoefer (December 3, 1943)
Edgar Nelson Young (December 23, 1943)
John Henry Young (October 14, 1943)

San Francisco County

Allen Ashton Altman (April 11, 1943)
Asa Weston Collins (January 19, 1943)
Attilio H. Giannini (February 7, 1943)
Fred Herman Kruse (January 14, 1943)
Howard Hill Markel (February 13, 1943)
William Quinn (May 25, 1943)
Sergius S. Rakitin (September 4, 1943)
Charles Albert Rethers (May 26, 1943)
Glanville Yelsley Rusk (November 22, 1943)
Margaret Schulze (February 7, 1943)
David Emmet Stafford (September 25, 1943)
George Lawrence Wolf (August 21, 1943)
Julian Mast Wolfsohn (July 1, 1943)
Montague Sidney Woolf (April 20, 1943)

San Joaquin County

Elmer David Augspurger (June 25, 1943)
Robert Ambrose Buchanan (October 25, 1943)
Charles D. Holliger (December 13, 1943)
Henry Christian Petersen (May 17, 1943)

San Luis Obispo County

Ira Bennett Bartle (November 7, 1943)

San Mateo County

Frank Starr Gregory (August 21, 1943)
Clarence Victor Thompson (September 13, 1943)

Santa Clara County

John Irving Beattie (May 7, 1943)
Thomas Andrew Story (October 28, 1943)
Philip L. Wise (January 8, 1943)

Shasta County

Ferdinand Stabel (December 8, 1943)

Sonoma County

Stuart Zeno Peoples (November 16, 1943)

Stanislaus County

Warren Nelson Steele, Jr. (October 23, 1943)

Tulare County

Sherman Rogers (February 18, 1943)

Ventura County

Everett Charles Beach (July 8, 1943)

**COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS, DISPENSARIES
AND CLINICS
Executive Group**

J. Norman O'Neill, Chairman, 1945

Walter Rapaport, 1944 Benjamin W. Black, 1946

To the President and the House of Delegates:

In my last year's report I summarized the hospital situation, showing the lack of private hospital facilities. At the present time I can only reiterate that the situation throughout the State of California is more critical, and that there is now an even greater shortage of hospital beds. Mr. Arthur J. Will, Superintendent of Charities of Los Angeles County, recently made a report to the Health Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, in which he stated that there is at the present time a shortage of 3600 general hospital beds. He also stated that the Los Angeles County Hospital is now taking care of 400 full pay patients in the County Hospital. This report is made in spite of the fact that the campaign last year produced some additions to hospital facilities. The St. John's Hospital at Santa Monica was completed and the St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank has just been completed. Additions have been approved for other hospitals, including the California Hospital in Los Angeles, which will add 110 beds by reconditioning the Bicknell Building. Actual construction work on this project started January 10th.

Last year I reported to you the situation with reference to the State Employment Commission's rulings concerning the State unemployment tax. This matter has now been in the courts for litigation. Several conditions favorable to hospitals have been secured in the Superior Court. One decision in the Appellate Court in the case of the Scripps Memorial Hospital was decided in favor of the Hospital against the State Employment Commission. Two of these cases are now before the Supreme Court in the State of California, and from clear cut decisions made in the lower courts, the non-profit hospitals are confident that the entire question of the interpretations of the State-Employment Commissions will be clarified.

The hospitals at the present time are having a controversy with the Regional Board of the National War Labor Board over the question of the exemption of non-profit hospitals from jurisdiction of the National War Labor Board in the matter of increasing salaries to workers as long as those increases are not above the average in the community. The National War Labor Board has given exemption to all the hospitals in the United States, but the Regional Board has seen fit to

exclude the application of this order in the States of California and Arizona. This problem is causing undue burdens and difficulties on the hospitals. One hospital, Hermosa Beach Hospital, a nonprofit institution, closed its doors because of the inability of the physician operating this institution to practice medicine and also carry out all of the details necessary in his relations with the Regional Office of the National War Labor Board.

The shortage of professional and hospital workers has made the operation of the hospitals very difficult. The shortage of nurses in the State of California stems from the fact that this State has only 40 accredited schools of nursing, while States of comparable population have 125 to 150 such schools. For instance, the City of Chicago alone has 40 nursing schools. In normal times we have depended upon an influx of nurses from the middlewest schools. Today these nurses are not arriving, and the shortage of this type of professional worker is becoming very serious within the State. Many of the hospitals are coöperating with the U. S. Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Training Corp, but because of the small number of schools in the State and the limited facilities, this expansion program is naturally slow. The hospitals in the State of California have also placed on the ballot for next November Proposition No. 4, proposing to change the Constitution of the State of California so that the legislature would have the authority to grant tax exemption to nonprofit charitable institutions. California is now the only State in the Union that taxes charities. This is an important item on the ballot and should have the consideration of the medical profession.

We, therefore, recommend to the medical profession consideration of the following items:

1. Coöperation with the hospitals in the expansion of private hospital facilities.

2. Encouragement of the expansion of existing nursing school facilities and encouraging other hospitals with good facilities to inaugurate new schools of nursing.

3. The insistence on an all-out campaign to secure votes for Proposition No. 4 on the November ballot so as to exempt charitable institutions from taxes in the State of California and thus encourage the expansion of nonprofit hospital facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Norman O'Neill, *Chairman.*

**COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL PRACTICE
Executive Group**

Donald Cass, Chairman, 1945

Wilbur J. Cox, 1944

Carl L. Hoag, 1946

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The development of public relations between industry and the medical profession has been one of the difficult problems faced by the Committee on Industrial Practice, and although no official meetings have been held, a considerable amount of correspondence has flowed between your committee and the Council on Industrial Health of the American Medical Association. We had a very profitable and exhaustive visit from Dr. Orlen Peterson, and while he was here, considerable amount of contact work was made between the Chamber of Commerce committees and the Committee on Industrial Health, as well as our own County Medical Association in Los Angeles. The work of the committee has not been extensive, but we hope, as time goes by, it will become more important, and will function more readily, especially in maintaining contact with various public health and health department agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cass, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS**Executive Group**

Glenn F. Cushman, Chairman, 1944

Edward C. Pallette, 1946 C. A. Broadus, 1945

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Many groups are taking advantage of war time conditions to advance the proposition of socialized medicine. When so many of our medical men are away at the war front, those at home should be especially alert to the political situation in regard to such social changes. Let us consider carefully all new plans which are offered, advise law makers in a practical and intelligent way about proposed changes, and educate citizens not to throw away the proved and substantial methods of medical practice of the past. A good practical effort for every member of the C.M.A. is to support the existing Public Health League of California.

What happens to medical practice today, can be very important to the development of medical science in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Broadus, *for the Committee.***COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS****Executive Group**

B. O. Raulston, Chairman, 1944

L. R. Chandler, 1945 William J. Kerr, 1946

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The four medical schools in California are proceeding with the accelerated program of teaching according to the requests of the military services. The number of students enrolled in the freshman classes has been increased from 15 to 20 per cent, and teaching is in progress from 44 to 48 weeks per year. A large percentage of the most active members of the medical school faculties have gone into military service, leaving a greatly increased burden upon those who are responsible for the teaching program. It is a difficult task, indeed, to hold the quality of training up to prewar levels. Since those medical students who will be in the military services have all of their expenses involved in medical training paid by the government, it offers them a better opportunity to study uninterruptedly.

The faculties of the medical schools have also been active in the war time postgraduate program. They have gone, singly and in groups, to the various military hospitals in their respective communities and have also provided clinics in the teaching hospitals of the medical schools for medical officers who can attend them.

Serious consideration is being given to the development of plans for postgraduate training to be provided for young physicians when they return from military service. Many of these men have had only nine to twelve months of internship and will want, and must have, the opportunity to continue their training when they return from the service.

Respectfully submitted,

B. O. Raulston, *Chairman.***COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL DEFENSE****Executive Group**

Nelson J. Howard, Chairman, 1944

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, 1945 Lewis T. Bullock, 1946

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Medical Defense Committee of the California Medical Association continues to strongly urge that each constituent County Medical Society adopt in its by-laws

a recommended by-law contained in the brochure on Medical Defense issued by the California Medical Association in 1939. The importance of having every committee of the Medical Association in the State adopt these by-laws lies in the fact that insurance carriers realize and insist that before they would enter the field as a whole in the State of California, the complete coöperation and participation of the County Medical Societies and their members are necessary.

In addition, it is strongly recommended that additional by-laws adopted in 1941 by the San Francisco County Medical Society be included in the by-law revision. This by-law prohibits any physician who is a member of the San Francisco Medical Association from accepting a fee for testifying for either party in a malpractice case. "No member of this Society shall make a charge or accept compensation other than witness fees and mileage allowed by law, for any professional services rendered either party to a malpractice claim or suit in regard to the preparation or conduct of such claim or suit, providing that no physician shall be obligated by this section to participate or testify against his will in any action or proceeding."

The Committee on Medical Defense has reported to the Council of the California Medical Association as outlined in the enclosed letter. As a result of these recommendations of this Committee, a special committee has been appointed by the California Medical Association Council with powers to act for the Council in arranging for malpractice insurance for members of the Association.

To the Council, California Medical Association:

You are acquainted with previous efforts of the Committee on Medical Defense in regard to malpractice insurance. Since the last verbal report to the Council, several meetings have been held with insurance men, and on the morning of the 1st of March, 1944, I had an interview with Mr. Maynard Garrison, the California Insurance Commissioner, and the problem of the Medical Society members presented to him with this committee's proposals for the solution. I feel that the committee has gone as far forward as possible, considering the limitations of its powers, and submit and recommend that the Council of the California Medical Association appoint a special committee to act for the California Medical Association as suggested below:

(1) The members of the special committee to enter into negotiations with a suitable insurance carrier or carriers with the following objects in view:

- (a) Comprehensive casualty and liability insurance.
- (b) Malpractice insurance.
- (c) That the insurance carrier agree to underwrite such forms of insurance for the members of the California Medical Association.

(2) Such insurance coverage to be supervised by an independent brokerage firm, acting as an overwriter, and to act as the Society's general agent for its protection and enlightenment.

(3) That the physicians' own broker or insurance agent place any comprehensive casualty and liability coverage together with malpractice insurance through the overwriter, and to share with the overwriter in the insurance premium. The amount of commission to be shared by the overwriter and broker respectively and to be worked out by the Committee and the insurance carrier and Mr. Hartley Peart.

(4) That the insurance carrier be given as assurance that the plan would continue for a certain minimum number of years.

(5) The insurance carrier in turn to agree to furnish the Medical Society with periodic and complete reports on actual costs, such as cost of investigating claims, num-

ber of claims threatened, number of suits filed, cost of demanding suits, the amount of judgments, etc.

(6) The insurance carrier should express a willingness to vary premium charges with regard to actual loss ratios after the minimum period of loss experience had accumulated.

(7) That Mr. Hartley Peart work with the Committee as the different steps are formulated on the approach to the finished plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson J. Howard, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Executive Group

George W. Walker, Chairman, 1946

Francis E. Toomey, 1945

F. Burton Jones, 1944

George H. Kress, ex-officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Publications has kept in touch with the official publications of the Association through correspondence and conferences with the Association Secretary-Editor.

The war-time needs requiring conservation of paper have been observed, even though such action has brought about a reduction in size of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

It is gratifying to know that CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, brochures, and other publications that have been printed in the past, measure up to excellent standards.

Respectfully submitted,

George W. Walker, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

Executive Group

F. E. Clough, Chairman, 1946

Howard F. West, 1944

Frank A. Macdonald, 1945

George H. Kress, Secretary, ex-officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Your chairman has been greatly disappointed in the inability to hold a meeting of the entire committee throughout this year, but considerable correspondence has been carried on between the various members.

The committee feels that a great effort should be made by each component society to present clinical meetings or talks on Tropical Medicine. Sooner or later, this section of the country will find itself face to face with diseases with which we are now unfamiliar.

With that end in view, the Naval Hospitals at San Diego, Norco and Long Beach have been contacted and are willing to send trained speakers, who have had practical experience in the South Seas, to carry on programs in the southern counties of the State. Similar plans are being prepared to cover the remaining sections of California. The secretary's office will have all details of this plan.

As before, through the secretary's office, numerous pamphlets, journals and other medical matters have been sent to the various Armed Force bases in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. Clough, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

Executive Group

Lewis A. Alesen, Chairman, 1944

L. H. Redelings, 1946

J. F. Doughty, 1945

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Membership and Organization has held no meetings during the past year. No matters have been presented for its consideration.

Inasmuch as the responsibility for the selection of members in the California Medical Association is delegated to the local county units, and the relationship between the different county societies with respect to transfer of members is specifically defined by the By-laws, there is very seldom any occasion for this committee to act.

The details of membership are handled in a systematic and businesslike manner in the Association's central office at San Francisco, and other items that might conceivably be referred to this committee are cared for by other committees.

Hence it would seem that there can be but little need for the perpetuation of a committee of this kind when little if any activity is expected of it.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Alesen, *Chairman*.

County Society membership totals are given in the appended list:

C. M. A. County Society Membership Totals For Year 1943

Counties	Member- ship in 1942	Civilian Mem- bers 1943	Military Mem- bers 1943	Total Mem- bers 1943
Alameda	601	437	175	612
Butte-Glenn	37	29	9	38
Contra Costa	55	51	6	57
Fresno	151	110	41	151
Humboldt	37	26	10	36
Imperial	26	18	10	28
Inyo-Mono	11	7	4	11
Kern	69	56	20	76
Kings	21	16	7	23
Lassen-Plumas-Modoc	18	17	5	22
Los Angeles	2,826	2,149	773	2,922
Marin	50	30	20	50
Mendocino-Lake	29	19	10	29
Merced	35	18	16	34
Monterey	72	46	24	70
Napa	40	30	9	39
Orange	123	90	37	127
Placer-Nevada-Sierra	43	29	10	39
Riverside	76	54	20	74
Sacramento	173	128	46	174
San Benito	8	6	3	9
San Bernardino	164	122	44	166
San Diego	334	240	109	349
San Francisco	1,124	818	350	1,168
San Joaquin	115	68	39	107
San Luis Obispo	29	27	5	32
San Mateo	88	74	20	94
Santa Barbara	123	87	40	127
Santa Clara	228	157	77	234
Santa Cruz	46	32	14	46
Shasta	27	18	8	26
Siskiyou	17	13	2	15
Solano	45	42	5	47
Sonoma	68	56	16	72
Stanislaus	50	36	16	52
Tehama	8	6	1	7
Tulare	48	36	17	53
Ventura	53	33	20	53
Yolo	27	17	12	29
Yuba-Sutter-Colusa	26	19	10	29
Total	7,121	5,267	2,060	7,327

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

Executive Group

Donald Cass, Chairman

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F. E. Clough, Chairman, Committee on Postgraduate Activities
 Karl L. Schaupp, President of California Medical Association
 Lowell S. Goin, President-Elect
 George H. Kress, Secretary

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Public Relations has been dormant, as such, during the past year. Public relations have been paramount in the minds of the members of the Council and a great deal of public relations work has been planned, including, as you will see in the reports of other parts of your governing body, the work that has been done particularly in public relation's investigations. All of this, however, was not done by the Committee on Public Relations, but was really done by the Council and subcommittees of the Council who were in a position to coöperate more readily and constituted a more flexible body than your Committee on Public Relations.

The subject of public relations is one which is of paramount interest to all members of the California Medical Association, and one which will be reported in great detail by your Council. The Committee on Public Relations, however, has not met during the year and has been inactive as a separate acting body.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cass, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC WORK
Executive Group

George H. Kress, Chairman, ex-officio
 J. Homer Woolsey, 1944 Howard F. West, 1945
 Fletcher B. Taylor, 1946
 John Martin Askey, ex-officio (for Medicine)
 Leon Goldman, ex-officio (for Surgery)

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The major function of the Committee on Scientific Work relates to the scientific programs presented at each Annual Session. These comprehend: speakers and essayists for three General Sessions, thirteen Scientific Sections, as well as arrangements for film and scientific exhibits. In addition to the task of deciding on the nature of the various programs, and securing speakers and essayists for all the topics, the Committee is called upon to provide all equipment and facilities for these various special activities. The planning must be completed in all detail before the Annual Sessions begins, so that everything may move forward in easy and harmonious sequence. Necessarily, the major portions of responsibility in arrangement of these details devolves upon the chairman of this Committee, to whom, through By-law provision, these duties have been assigned. Through his central office, the newly-elected officers of the thirteen Scientific Sections are informed concerning their own responsibilities, so that coöperative plans may go forward in good manner. After consultation, and in due course, the Section Officers meet with the C.M.A. Committee on Scientific Work. At that time the various programs are properly correlated and brought to completion. Because of exigencies resulting from the War, it has been necessary this year to discontinue the scientific exhibits.

Due to the large number of Association members who are in military service, and also, the heavy loads now devolving upon colleagues in civilian practice, it has not been possible this year, as was also the case last, to secure as large a number of essayists from physicians in civil practice as we desired. However, since California has an extra large number of extensive military camps, with large station hospitals, one could turn to the medical staffs of these military establishments for aid. Many of these military colleagues, who are now in the Army and

Navy Reserves, have had extensive experience as teachers and clinicians in other States of the Union. In addition, they have been in position to secure first-hand contacts with diseases and injuries incident to warfare in the Pacific Area. Therefore, it is again possible to bring to the attention of the California profession up-to-date reports, not only on military medicine and surgery, but also on those diseases which physicians in the postwar period may be called upon to meet in our own State.

Thanks are extended to both civilian and military colleagues for their generous coöperation in helping to make the programs a success. Under prevailing conditions, it is to be regretted that the annual meetings must be limited to two-day streamlined sessions. If additional days were available, and if members of the Association could take the time to attend, it would be possible to present programs much in line with those of prewar days.

In conclusion, it may be stated that, scientific medicine today has the same obligation to be as alert to its responsibilities, in keeping physicians alert to changes in methods, as has organized medicine, upon which phase of medical practice, scientific medicine must depend for its continued existence and progress.

Respectfully submitted,

George H. Kress, *Chairman.*

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To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the year of 1943 the men on the Editorial Board gave their time freely, and expressed their opinions about the manuscripts and writers without prejudice.

Thanks are hereby given to the members of the Board for their valuable assistance and ideas.

The increased demand for space for discussion of activities associated with the war effort, together with the reduction in size of the CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, obtains as in previous years.

Most medical and surgical journals are finding it increasingly more difficult to obtain a sufficient number of satisfactory articles to meet publication needs. The OFFICIAL JOURNAL has felt this need also. On the other hand, we fortunately have been able to publish all manuscripts which have been up to the desired standard.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert J. Scholl, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PARTICIPATION OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN THE WAR EFFORT

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PROCUREMENT AND ASSIGNMENT SERVICE

Executive Group

Harold A. Fletcher, San Francisco
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Chairman for Southern California

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The work of this Committee has been, practically, entirely the work of the Procurement and Assignment Service for Physicians. Because of the increased expansion of the Army and the Navy, and the United States Public Health Service, beyond that contemplated in 1942, there has been a great difficulty in meeting the 1943 quota of physicians necessary. On a national scale the needs are approximately for 6,000 physicians for the above services over the number which can be expected from residents and interns recently graduated.

Quota figures are no longer considered, and physicians are released regardless of quota, depending entirely on whether the community in which they are practicing can release them without jeopardizing public health and industrial and other war needs. Had every physician who was made "available" by Procurement and Assignment been able to pass the physical and other standards of the Army and Navy, the necessary number would have been obtained. However, this was impossible because of the tremendous number of rejections by the Military Forces, particularly because of physical disqualifications.

With the exception of San Francisco County, only a very few scattered physicians can be released during 1944 from other counties, and usually these only because of relocation of physicians in those counties or the return of discharged medical officers. Even in San Francisco County the number of physicians who can possibly be released to the Armed Forces is very small. Numerically, there are still an ample number of physicians, both on a national as well as on a State level. The problem is one of distribution, and this is one of the problems which Procurement and Assignment Service is trying to work out by voluntary methods.

The need for medical officers in the Army, and even more acutely in the Navy, is still very critical, and this statement is made with a thorough knowledge of the occasional criticisms which come from uninformed sources that the Military Forces are not using their medical personnel properly or are overstaffed. Medical personnel are needed acutely during campaigns, and not after campaigns have been completed and the readjustments have been made.

The Coördinating Committee on Medical Care of the Procurement and Assignment Service has been tremendously occupied during the past year with many important and interesting problems. These problems, although not directly the responsibility of Procurement and

Assignment Service, necessitated the study of a group of able and well-qualified physicians who could work co-operatively and harmoniously to solve the various acute problems in certain areas where there was not only a shortage of medical care, but also a shortage of hospital beds and nurses, inadequate public health departments and other allied problems affecting the health of expansion areas.

This Committee has met regularly and frequently, and has put in many long hours on these problems. It has definitely proved in many cases that, if the medical profession wishes to assume responsibility, it can solve problems to the satisfaction of the general public as well as the various departments and bureaus of the Federal and State governments. The work of this Committee, in my opinion, has been one of the most important developments of the Committee on Participation of the Medical Profession in the War Effort, and of the Procurement and Assignment Service.

Procurement and Assignment Service has had excellent coöperation with the Selective Service System. The advice of Procurement and Assignment Service has been accepted in almost 100 per cent of the cases involved, whether in requesting deferment or whether in asking a classification in 1-A in the case of that small portion of the medical profession who have been unpatriotic, non-coöperative or recalcitrant. Unfortunately, there have been some cases where medical men have not only been classified in 1-A, but actually inducted into the Armed Forces. The number of these, particularly in California, has been very small.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Fletcher, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Executive Group

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To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Local Arrangements for the 73rd Annual Session of the California Medical Association, to be held at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, on May 7th and 8th, draws particular attention to the crowded conditions in the hotels in Los Angeles, and stresses the necessity for making reservations early in advance. Please do not make reservations, however, if you are not reasonably sure that you will take advantage of them.

Following the unusually successful dinner in honor of President Molony given at last year's Session, we are particularly interested that the dinner to be held this year in honor of President Karl L. Schaupp shall be equally pleasing and equally well attended. This dinner, to be held in the Biltmore Bowl on Sunday, May 7th, will be the one social feature of the convention. An excellent program of entertainment, together with dancing and a good dinner, have been promised by the hotel management. Reservations must be made in advance. Instructions concerning these reservations will be presented in the Pre-Convention Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Alesen, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIANS' BENEVOLENCE

Executive Group

Axel E. Anderson, Chairman

Elizabeth M. Hohl

Robert A. Peers

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Physicians' Benevolence Committee started 1943 with \$2,141.50 in its checking account and \$4,369.30 in its

savings account. The savings account is considered in the nature of a trust fund, to which additional contributions are intended to be added for the purpose of building up an endowment fund for purposes of income or other use by the committee.

During 1943 the California Medical Association contributed \$5,329 to the checking account for the current use of the committee. This contribution was made at the rate of \$1 per active member of the Association. The savings account received \$1,015 in contributions during the year, and was increased by \$46.90 interest received from the bank. The contributions include \$10 from the Tulare County Woman's Auxiliary, \$25 from the Kern County Woman's Auxiliary, \$965 from the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association, and \$15 from the Association of Pacific Railway Surgeons. The last named contribution was made in memory of the late Doctor Oliver D. Hamlin.

The committee disbursed \$2,246 in aid during 1943. This aid went to 21 physicians or widows of physicians, and was expended for such items as ambulance service, rent, food, utilities, drugs, dental services, sanatorium care, surgical supplies, and glasses. The average aid extended was \$107 per case. One of the recipients of aid has since died and another is being maintained in a nursing home.

The committee voted in 1943 to contribute \$300 monthly to the Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association, since most of the needy cases are located in Los Angeles County area. A monthly account of the expenditures in Los Angeles County is rendered by the Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association, so that our records are complete. It is the policy of the committee to keep our records confidential, and not to publish the names of recipients of aid but, at the same time, to make full records of expenditures available to the C.M.A. for the purpose of keeping the Association records accurate and complete.

Under a By-law amendment adopted by the 1943 House of Delegates, the California Medical Association will contribute \$1 per active member to the Physicians' Benevolence Fund, with the understanding that the annual expenditure of the Physicians' Benevolence Committee shall be kept within the annual contribution from the Association. This policy means that the \$5,431.20 now in our savings account will be maintained and augmented for endowment purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Axel E. Anderson, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Alternates</i>
Edward N. Ewer.....(1943-1944).....	Robert T. Legge
William H. Kiger.....(1943-1944)....	Donald G. Tollefson
Robert A. Peers.....(1943-1944)....	Frederick N. Scatena
William R. Molony, Sr. (1943-1944).....	Ralph B. Eusden
Dwight L. Wilbur....(1944-1945).....	L. R. Chandler
Lyell C. Kinney.....(1944-1945).....	Bon O. Adams
Lowell S. Goin.....(1944-1945).....	Leo J. Madsen
Henry S. Rogers.....(1944-1945).....	Robert S. Stone

To the President and the House of Delegates:

Owing to transportation difficulties and the pressing obligation of the practicing physician in the various states, the session of 1944 was restricted to a meeting of the House of Delegates.

The House of Delegates, which is the legislative and governing body of the Association, was in session for three days, beginning Monday, June 5th. All members of the California delegation, represented by Lowell S. Goin, Dwight L. Wilbur, Lyell C. Kinney, Henry S. Rogers, Edward N. Ewer, William H. Kiger, Robert A. Peers, and William R. Molony, Sr., were present and took an active part in all proceedings. Of the thirteen

reference committees, Californians were appointed on three, namely, Edward N. Ewer, on the Committee of Rules and Order of Business; William R. Molony, Sr. on the Committee of Legislation and Public Relations, and Robert A. Peers on the Committee of Board of Trustees and Secretary.

Outside of the usual interest in the election of officers and the discussion of the reports of the several committees on the various resolutions submitted to the house, the chief interest and concern of the House of Delegates was the matter of the establishment of a Washington office and the formation of a new department of the Association to oversee and direct legislative activities. Several resolutions to this end were presented from several states and were referred to the Committee of Legislation and Public Relations. This committee held several meetings, including one in the large hall attended by over one hundred delegates.

The reference committee submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"A Council on Legal Medicine and Legislation shall be created at once, this Council to be composed of six members of the American Medical Association geographically distributed over the United States, the President, the Secretary, the immediate Past President and a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. The six members from the American Medical Association for the first year, shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. Your reference committee recommends that the term of membership on the Council be three years, provided that at the end of the first year there be an election of two members for one year, two for two years and two for three years. After the first year the Board of Trustees shall present to the House of Delegates for election to membership on this Council a list of three nominees for each vacancy and the chairman shall be selected by the Council from its elected members.

The duties of this Council shall be to make available all facts, data and medical opinions with respect to timely and adequate rendition of medical care to the American people and to keep informed the constituent state medical associations and component county medical societies of all proposed changes affecting medical care in the nation and also the activities of the Council. The present Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation shall be made a part of this Council, and the Board of Trustees shall provide adequate facilities of these activities."

At its first meeting after the adjournment of the House, the Board of Trustees appointed the members of the new council. At the 1944 meeting of the House of Delegates, the six members of the council will be elected by the House. While the creation of this new council did not entirely satisfy the proponents of the new order, yet all felt that a good beginning was made—a beginning of a new departure in the policy of the American Medical Association—in that it created the authority and the means to assume the position of leadership in medical matters for the nation.

The House voted that the 1946 session of the American Medical Association shall be held in San Francisco. The Speaker declared San Francisco the place of the 1946 annual session of the American Medical Association.

We sincerely hope that by the summer of 1946 victory shall have been achieved, and that San Francisco and her fellow Californians will have the pleasure and the honor of entertaining the American Medical Association, in convention assembled.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Molony, Sr.

CANCER COMMISSION Executive Group

Harold Brunn, Chairman, 1946	
Lyell C. Kinney, Vice-Chairman, 1946	
Otto H. Pfueger, Secretary, 1946	
Orville N. Meland, 1944	Gertrude Moore, 1944
A. Herman Zeller, 1944*	Alson R. Kilgore, 1945
Henry J. Ullmann, 1945	
Clarence J. Berne, Secretary for Southern Section, 1945	
*Deceased.	

To the President and the House of Delegates:

As chairman of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association, I wish to submit the following report.

Our committee has cooperated with the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer and has received many communications from Mrs. Helen Ingalls Ullman, the State chairman, from Mrs. Joseph Gould, who is the local head of this organization, and from Dr. C. C. Little, national chairman. Plans are being made by this organization to extend their efforts and activities by radio, spot announcements, by brochures and by contact with other women's organizations in this area. Mrs. Gould has been most active in this regard. In this way a large number of people will be contacted, and more interest shown by the public in this disease. It is hoped that a larger amount of money will be collected this year than ever before because of the extended program.

Dr. Wilton Halverson of the State of California Department of Public Health has been contacted personally and by letter on several occasions. A meeting has been called by Dr. Halverson at which time there will be discussion on the cancer problem in this State. Members of the State society should be present at the meeting to lend their support to an enlarged program. A discussion will be had as to the importance of having cancer a reportable disease. When the war is ended we hope to submit to you and to the State society an enlarged program on this subject. The State of California has been backward in entering this field of public health endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Brunn, *Chairman.*

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To the President and the House of Delegates:

The Annual Meeting of C.P.S. Administrative Members is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room No. 8, at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. We urge that every Administrative Member be present, as there are many vital organizational issues to be acted upon.

It is a pleasure to announce that C.P.S. is now producing a unit value of \$2.00, and at the same time is increasing its unit stabilization fund. The increase in unit value during the past year can be credited largely to the conversion of the old full coverage contracts to the new types of two visit deductible and surgical.

As of March, there were approximately 90,000 persons covered by C.P.S. contracts. Members of the Commercial Program total 64,500, of which total 31,500 carry the medical rider. The balance have only the surgical coverage. Approximately 10,000 of these persons in the Commercial Program are covered by hospitalization contracts issued by C.P.S. directly. There are approximately 3,500 persons covered in the Rural Program, and 22,000 persons enrolled in War Housing Project Programs.

The *Surgical Contract* covers cutting procedures and reduction of fractures and dislocations, and is issued to the employed beneficiary member and his family dependents. Obstetrical care is not included. Pre-existing conditions are covered, and there are no waiting periods.

The *Two-Visit Deductible Medical Rider* is issued to the employed beneficiary member only. The benefits do not extend to his dependents. It is issued with a surgical contract, and never alone. It provides medical services to the beneficiary, except for the first two visits in each separate illness, for which the beneficiary must pay the professional member at the professional member's regular private rate for such services. Pre-existing conditions are included, and there are no waiting periods. There is a three months' limit on the treatment of chronic conditions. Obstetrical service for employed women beneficiaries is included after ten months of membership.

The *Surgical Reimbursement Contract* is a new development, which is issued to persons whose income is over \$3,000. The person holding this type of contract makes his own arrangements as a private patient with the professional member, and after paying his bill to his physician, is reimbursed, in part, for his expenses of surgical care, according to the schedule set forth in his contract. This surgical reimbursement contract specifically informs the holder that the C.P.S. schedule of reimbursement is not intended to cover the *entire* charge made by the attending professional member.

The *C.P.S. Hospitalization Rider* is issued in Northern California territories. It is patterned after the contract issued by the Hospital Service of Southern California, with whom C.P.S. continues its joint acquisition arrangement. The hospital rider is issued in conjunction with surgical or two visit deductible contracts or surgical reimbursement contracts, and is never issued alone.

The *Rural Health Contract* provides medical, surgical and hospital care to the head of the family and the family dependents alike. The family is required to pay part of the cost of the first home visit in each illness, and is required to pay part of the cost of tonsillectomies. Chronic conditions are limited to three months' care. Surgical services do not include care for pre-existing conditions. Physicians' services are provided in connection with maternity care, but hospital care is not provided for this condition.

The *Housing Project Contract* also provides medical, surgical and hospital care for all members of the family. Treatment of minor illnesses and of ambulatory conditions is provided through a medical center, staffed with physicians and nurses employed by C.P.S. Surgery and other serious conditions are referred to the professional members of the local community. This contract was modified October 1st, 1943, to exclude conditions arising from pregnancy, tonsillectomies, herniotomies and treatment for correction of congenital defects.

C.P.S. has reached the stage where its gross income averages \$100,000 per month or more. The distribution in recent months has been approximately as follows:

15 per cent for in-patient and out-patient charges in hospitals.

55 per cent for medical, surgical, x-ray, laboratory and other professional services.

20 per cent for administration.

10 per cent for addition to the unit distribution fund.

In addition to raising the unit value from the low of \$1.10 in 1940 to the present \$2.00 in January of 1944, C.P.S. has also been able to increase its unit stabilization fund to a present total of \$70,000. The trustees have deemed it wise to accumulate a cushion before raising the unit value in each of the successive stages of increase, in order that it might be maintained at the new level. In addition to the increase in the unit value and the increase in the stabilization fund, C.P.S. has also repaid \$7,000 of the original loans made to it by the California Medical Association.

The C.P.S. Fee Schedule has recently been printed and distributed to all professional members. The present Fee Schedule is the result of the original work by the various Specialty Sections of the C.M.A. and the Fee Schedule Committee of C.P.S., plus the many changes, modifications and expansions which have been made from time to time at the suggestions of professional members. The present form should not be considered a static document, but rather one which will be subject to further modification upon properly constituted evidence justifying a change.

For purposes of review there is set forth below a table of the unit values paid by C.P.S. in each of the months of its operation, up to and including January of 1944. Unit values paid in the fall months of 1939 were on an estimate basis, and did not include all of the costs involved. The actual earned unit value in these months was approximately \$1.30.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
January	\$	\$1.50	\$1.20	\$1.25	\$1.60	\$2.00
February		1.30	1.25	1.45	1.75	
March		1.30	1.25	1.35	1.75	
April		1.25	1.25	1.40	1.75	
May		1.25	1.25	1.40	1.75	
June		1.35	1.25	1.40	1.75	
July		1.35	1.25	1.30	1.75	
August	1.75	1.35	1.25	1.30	1.75	
September	1.75	1.35	1.25	1.40	1.75	
October	1.60	1.35	1.25	1.40	1.75	
November	1.60	1.35	1.25	1.40	1.90	
December	1.60	1.10	1.25	1.50	1.90	

Although the process of conversion of full coverage contracts to the two visit deductible and surgical began in the summer of 1942, the effects of this change did not become evident until the spring and summer of 1943. As you will note, the unit value for January of 1944 is the highest mark yet reached in C.P.S., amounting to 80 per cent of par value.

The phrase "80 per cent of par value" means nothing by itself, unless it is related to some other operation. C.P.S. can make a fairly close comparison of its surgical plan and Fee Schedule with the Michigan Medical Service Plan, whose membership dues are the same as C.P.S.'s. The procedures which occur most frequently in C.P.S. surgical plan experience have been selected for the purpose of simple comparison, and the table below shows the procedures, the Michigan par value, C.P.S. par value and C.P.S. unit value at 80 per cent of par in January.

	Michigan Par Value	C.P.S. Par Value	Actual C.P.S. Payment at 80% of Par
Tonsillectomy	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
Submucous resection	50.00	75.00	60.00
Appendectomy	75.00	125.00	100.00
Herniotomy	100.00	125.00	100.00
Hemorrhoidectomy	50.00	100.00	80.00
Cholecystectomy	125.00	200.00	160.00
Fistulotomy	50.00	75.00	60.00
Laparotomy	100.00	125.00	100.00

Presumably, the Michigan par value fees were set by the Fee Schedule Committee of the Michigan Medical Service, in the same fashion that the C.P.S. par value fees were set by the Fee Schedule Committees of C.P.S. and the C.M.A. It is evident from the table above that even at 80 per cent of C.P.S. par, as shown in the last column, professional members of C.P.S. are currently receiving more than the maximum of the Michigan schedule in all except two of the listed procedures, which are equal, and will receive considerably more when par is reached.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Larsen,
Secretary and Medical Director.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS SURVEY

Executive Group

E. Vincent Askey, Chairman
John W. Cline
Frank A. MacDonald

To the President and the House of Delegates:

During the past year, especially, all medical men have been interested in, if not worried over, the situation involved in a consideration of the relationship between the public and the medical profession. This, in a broad term, can be called the Public Relations Division of Medicine. Apart from the broad concept, however, at times acute interest in certain aspects arises, and particular attention is called to a subject.

It was with the idea in mind that a pressing need for clarification of the problem and advice in solving it existed, that a special committee was appointed by the Council to hire a competent firm to conduct a survey, and to give a constructive interpretation based on facts developed by that survey. Your committee, following out the instructions, contracted with Foote, Cone and Belding (formerly Lord and Thomas), and they conducted the survey which has been presented to the Council with recommendations. The further developments of this matter are outside the scope of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Vincent Askey, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PLAN FOR MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE OF CITIZENS IN LOW INCOME BRACKET GROUPS

Executive Group

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, Chairman
Edwin L. Bruck
Karl L. Schaupp
John W. Cline
William R. Molony, Sr.

To the President and the House of Delegates:

This committee has not had any official meeting but the chairman has consulted with members of the committee. As you already know, this problem which has been delegated to this committee is by far the most important problem that the medical profession has to solve this year. It is of the utmost importance that the delegates to the A.M.A. take back with them to the annual meeting the promise to awaken the House of Delegates of the A.M.A. to the importance of it.

It is hoped that a more detailed report can be presented at the annual session.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Stanley Kneeshaw, *Chairman.*

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Executive Group

J. B. Harris, Chairman
E. Vincent Askey
Gertrude Moore
John W. Cline
L. C. Kinney

To the President and the House of Delegates:

This committee was authorized by the Council, and appointed by the Chairman of the Council, to act as a Special Advisory Committee to the California Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. A meeting was held in San Francisco on March 5th with Mr. H. D. Hicker, Chief of the Bureau, to survey the problems involved. A second meeting, to be held on May 11th before the Annual meeting of the C.M.A., will explore possible means of cooperation between the members of the Association and the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The new program of Vocational Rehabilitation, authorized by the Congress and approved July 16, 1943, is exceedingly important to both the public and the medical profession. In California, another government agency, namely the State Board of Education, now enters the

field of providing medical and surgical care at the expense of the State, with Federal subsidy. Any person who has a curable physical disability that renders him unemployable is entitled to treatment and hospitalization, provided there is reasonable hope that the treatment will make him employable. The program will be guarded by requiring evidence of financial need, by careful social service, and will not overlap the functions of such other public agencies as the Compensation Fund, the Crippled Children's Society or County Hospitals. However, the new program opens a new and potentially large field of government-controlled medicine.

Since 1921, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the California State Board of Education has done a marvelous service in vocational training, and in placement of physically-disabled patients. Over 15,000 have been rehabilitated and rendered employable. This program has been financed by the State with Federal subsidy since the Statute approved June 2, 1920. The new amendment passed last year permits the Bureau to expand their program, and provide corrective surgery, medical care and hospitalization, in addition to vocation education and placement.

To quote from the Act, "The Secretary of the Treasury will pay to each State . . . one-half the necessary expenditures for . . . corrective surgery or therapeutic treatment necessary to correct or substantially modify a physical condition which is static and constitutes a substantial handicap to employment, but is of such a nature that such correction or modification should eliminate or substantially reduce such handicap within a reasonable length of time."

The immediate problems of interest to the committee are:

1. The proper physical examination and evaluation of applicants for corrective rehabilitation procedures under the act.
2. The assurance that adequate hospitalization and treatment be provided for the patient.
3. The assurance that satisfactory compensation is made to the physicians and surgeons providing that treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyell Cary Kinney, M. D., *For the Committee.*

COMMITTEE ON POSTWAR PLANS OF MEDICAL SERVICE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Executive Group

Dewey R. Powell, Chairman

Donald Cass

John W. Green

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The members of the committee on postwar plans of medical service and social security have had no formal meeting during the year. They have corresponded, and had several conferences at Council meetings on this important topic. In fact, so much of the entire Council's time has been absorbed on this same subject, that there is no particular need for a subcommittee to function independently until assigned some specific task to perform.

The Mannix report and the Foote, Cone, and Belding Survey sponsored by the Council are both intimately concerned with post-war plans of medical service and social security, so your committee members, as part of the Council, have been most active in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

Dewey R. Powell, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON POSTGRADUATE COURSES FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

Executive Group

Calvert L. Emmons, Chairman

Harry E. Henderson

Lloyd E. Kindall

R. E. Clough, ex-officio

George H. Kress, ex-officio

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The committee on postgraduate courses for military members has little information to give to the organization at this time. As yet there has been no need for the postgraduate course for our colleagues returning from military service.

Members of the committee are in close touch with the medical centers of training throughout the State and we hope that when the time is here, our military colleagues are back and are in need of postgraduate courses, we shall be in a position to grant what they ask without expense, and not too far distant from their home.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvert L. Emmons, *Chairman.*

PUBLIC RELATIONS PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Executive Group

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, Chairman

To the President and the House of Delegates:

To this sub-committee has been relegated the important job of feeling out the pulse of the public in its attitude toward the medical profession and its associated work. The Council as a whole has taken over this job which was instigated by members of the committee. A survey was made and the results of it will be given to the House of Delegates at its annual meeting.

Other functions in public relations and publicity have been carried on under the direction of members of this committee. It is hoped that the House of Delegates will see fit to support the Council in its efforts in carrying out its policy of public relations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON PERMANENTE FOUNDATION

HOSPITALS

Executive Group

Lloyd Kindall, Chairman

Calvert L. Emmons

Edwin L. Bruck

To the President and the House of Delegates:

The recommendations and conclusions of the committee will be found in the minutes of the 314th meeting of the Council, which appear in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, for March, on page 104.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Kindall, *Chairman.*

OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEES

In addition to committees noted above, reports of other special committees are referred under other reports, as follows:

(a) **Committee on Industrial Fee Table** (See Report of Legal Counsel Peart).

(b) **Federal Maternity-Pediatric Program—EMIC**—(See reference in Report of Council).

(c) **Liaison Committee of Eight on Medical and Hospitalization Services** (See reference in Report of Council).

(d) **Revision of Code of Ethics of American Medical Association, Lowell S. Goin, chairman.** (Report will be submitted).

(e) **Osteopathic Practice Act** (See reference in Report of Council).

ANNUAL COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY REPORTS

FIRST DISTRICT

Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.

Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario, *Councilor.*

Imperial County Medical Society

The Imperial County Medical Society is scheduled to meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Hotel California in El Centro. Occasionally, it is necessary to omit a monthly meeting because of inability to obtain a speaker or sufficient attendance of regular members. The meetings are preceded by a dinner. There are no meetings during the hot summer months.

There are at present seventeen physicians in Imperial County, fourteen of which are members of the Society. In addition, there are twelve military members in the Army and Navy Medical Corps of the United States. Three members have moved from the County this past year, to establish practice in more populated areas.

The nursing shortage is especially acute at present, but this is somewhat alleviated by assistance of wives of military personnel stationed on the desert.

HENRY FORCHER,
Secretary.

Orange County Medical Association

During the year, we lost our President, Dr. D. A. Harwood, who passed away in his sleep. He had been very active in surgery and radiotherapy. Dr. A. C. Robbins, who enjoyed one of the largest general practices in Southern California, went on a fishing trip and was lost at sea. Dr. A. E. Chase, our Santa Ana x-ray man, died last summer.

In the past twelve months several men have moved in from surrounding communities, due to the tremendous decrease in the number of doctors who answered the call to military service. Even so, the doctors that are here are very much overworked. The number leaving balances the number coming, so that our present membership remains at eighty-eight. Up to this time forty of our members are in military service. There has been a definite increase in the load of our work due to the proximity of the industrial plants, the military establishments, and the air bases.

Most of our meetings are held at Daniger's Cafe, where a comfortable room is placed at our disposal. Dinner meetings are customary, attendance has been good, and programs have been both good and well received. Ten meetings were held during the year, no meetings during July and August.

The doctors of our county enjoy a congenial atmosphere, with the doctors all friendly and helpful to each other, and enjoying also friendly relations with the general public. The people, as a whole, appreciate the way the doctors are accepting the increased load during the War emergency. The cultist groups have not been conspicuous, and there are probably no medical doctors in the county eligible to membership who are not supporting the Association fully.

About 95 per cent of our Association members also support the Public Health League.

RUSSELL I. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

Riverside County Medical Association

The Riverside County Medical Association has at present about fifty-five active members and about twenty in the Military Service.

The Association meets the second Monday night of every month at the Riverside Community Hospital. The program is usually of a scientific nature, and is followed by the business session of the Association.

A bulletin is issued by the Secretary the first of the month, and is generally sent out a few days before the regular meeting. It contains notes on business activities by the Council, and announces the program for the following meeting.

We have been very fortunate in having many of the noted men who are in the Armed Forces located near us, and they have given us numerous good scientific programs.

Riverside County has greatly increased in population and with about one-third less doctors to take care of people. The hospitals are full to capacity most of the

time. There is also a shortage of nurses, and at times we are unable to get private-duty nurses.

W. K. TEMPLETON,
Secretary.

San Bernardino County Medical Society

The San Bernardino County Medical Society now has a membership of one hundred eighty, forty-six of whom are serving in the Armed Forces. Seventeen new members have been admitted during the past year, with the loss of four by death, during the year, and three by transfer to other societies.

Death also took from us Major A. D. Neubert, M.C., who died in England on October 29, 1943, while serving his country in the Armed Forces.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, from October to June, inclusive, but have not been very well attended during the past year, owing to gas shortage and the extra work which all of our remaining active members have had to take care of.

But one postgraduate meeting was held during the past year, when the subject for discussion was "Tropical Diseases," the speakers being medical officers from the Naval Hospital at Norco.

ARTHUR E. VARDEN,
Secretary.

San Diego County Medical Society

Medical affairs have about leveled off now that the first years of war confusion have passed. The San Diego County Medical Society has a total membership of 354 with 25 applicants. Of these, 109 are in active service. During 1943, 35 new members were admitted. While everyone is overly busy, there is no marked shortage of medical care for the increased population. Practically all of the men eligible for medical service have gone in under the able guidance of the local Procurement and Assignment Committee, which has rendered noble and efficient service. If physical standards are lowered and the age limit raised, more will volunteer.

The pressure on hospital facilities has been reduced and will continue to be more so, with the opening of new facilities made possible in connection with the County Hospital by Federal funds. The County Board of Supervisors has been most understanding and cooperative in protecting both the private hospitals and private practitioners in opening the county facilities to other than county cases. The new facilities will not compete with either in the admittance of pay patients, if the proposed agreement is adopted. A shortage of nurses does exist. A serious situation is developing with regard to ambulance service, since the W.M.C. has so far refused to classify it as an essential industry. The curtailment in ambulance crews is forcing over half our ambulances into idleness.

Regular meetings are being held. The Naval Hospital here has been of great educational help in affording capable speakers from its staff. When these men are not available, our own members have taken hold as never before in presenting programs of value.

Affiliated Hospital Units are in the process of formation. The Emergency Medical Service of the O.C.D., while not as active as in the past, is still a live unit, ready for action, as needed.

Difficulties with the C.P.S. are yet to be ironed out, and the rumored reorganization of the body is being looked for with quite some interest. We are also watching with hope of a satisfactory solution, the conversations with the osteopathic physician and surgeon group, looking toward an adjustment of that problem.

In closing: we are still looking for some vital leadership in the problem of State Medicine, facing us at the present in Congress.

W. H. GEISTWEIT, JR.,
Secretary.

SECOND DISTRICT

Los Angeles County.

Donald Cass, Los Angeles, *Councilor.*

Los Angeles County Medical Association

The third year of the war, with its demand for Doctors of Medicine for military service, and its increasingly great shortage of physicians to care for the growing civilian need, has kept the Los Angeles County Medical Association very busy.

Through its public relations—which includes regular radio broadcasts, addresses before lay groups by members

of the Speakers' Bureau, and through the activities of numerous committees—the Association is becoming recognized by the laity as an authoritative source of information on health and medical questions. The information service which is available through the Association's telephone exchange at night, and from the headquarters of the Association during office hours, has become known to great numbers of people in this county. The number of calls received now is many times greater than before the war.

About a million new residents have come into Los Angeles County in the past three years. Most of these newcomers do not select a family physician until sickness makes it necessary. Therefore, one of the difficult responsibilities which is being met by the Association is to provide doctors to answer emergency calls, both day and night. To illustrate this demand, one physician was called upon to make, and did make, some 630 emergency calls within a ten-months' period.

Much constructive work has been accomplished by the Committee on Medical Defense, under the chairmanship of Dr. Louis J. Regan, who is also an attorney. A special Committee on Food Rationing, working in close cooperation with the Office of Price Administration, has been considering each day requests made by physicians for rationed foods for patients, when such requests have seemed excessive to the Office of Price Administration. This committee is under the chairmanship of Howard West, M. D.

A special Committee on Gasoline Rationing, under the chairmanship of Howard Bosworth, M. D., has worked diligently and successfully to insure every doctor a sufficient supply of gasoline for his professional needs. A program has been developed to insure enough gasoline for members of the medical profession, should the gasoline shortage become more acute. The Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Clinics has devoted much time and effort to the problem of hospital bed shortages in this area. Carl L. Mulfinger is chairman of this committee. The Committee on Procurement and Assignment, Clarence G. Toland, M. D., chairman, has continued to meet daily to carry on the work that was instituted several years ago.

General meetings of the Association have been held monthly during the fall, winter, and spring. In addition to these general meetings at which scientific subjects of immediate interest are presented, a series of Friday night lectures on medical jurisprudence has been presented. At one of these lectures fifteen judges of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County addressed our members on the subject, "Meet the Court." Several symposia on tropical medicine and other timely subjects are planned.

Fifty-six new members were added up to Feb. 1st, 1944, and the total membership of the Association on that date was 3024, of whom 779 were in Military Service.

The Association deeply appreciates the efficient services of its permanent staff. Stanley K. Cochems, executive secretary, has prepared and delivered two broadcasts each week during the year, acted as managing editor of the Bulletin, and efficiently performed the innumerable duties of his position. Hazel M. Granger, librarian since the retirement of Mrs. Mary Irish, has made many excellent innovations. The library is constantly acquiring new books, and is rendering valuable service to members, both in service and at home.

E. T. REMMEN,
Secretary.

THIRD DISTRICT

Inyo-Mono Counties, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

Harry E. Henderson, Santa Barbara, *Councilor.*

Inyo-Mono County Medical Society

Our Bi-county Medical Society has found itself dwindling in numbers during the past year. We have lost members, both to the Armed Services and to the airplane industry. Dr. C. L. Scott is in the Army, Dr. Howard Dueker is in the Navy, and Dr. Joseph Telford is in the San Diego Lockheed factory.

Our total membership now numbers six, two of whom are retired. However, we have two new memberships pending.

Most of our monthly meetings have been jointly with the Auxiliary. One of the most interesting was the November meeting, at which Dr. Buckheim of the State Bureau of Maternal and Child Welfare discussed with us the details of the E.M.I.C. Federal plan. The consensus of our Society is that the deal is pretty raw.

L. S. BAMBAUER,
Secretary.

Kern County Medical Society

Kern County Medical Society has a membership of seventy-four, with nineteen members in military service, as of January 1, 1944. Meetings of the Society are held on the third Thursday evening of each month, except in summer, at the Motel Inn in Bakersfield.

Dr. Juliet Thorner served as Program Chairman during 1943 and, in spite of wartime restrictions on traveling, a number of excellent papers were presented by guest speakers. Dr. Harry E. Henderson, Councilor for the Third District, reported on activities of the C. M. A. at the October meeting. In January, members of the Pharmacists' Association were present as guests, and Dr. T. C. Daniels, of the University of California, spoke on "The Service of Pharmacy to the Medical Profession." Many of the doctors in military service at Minter Field attended our Society meetings during the year.

The shortage of nurses and doctors has been keenly felt at the Kern General Hospital, and the changes among the resident staff have been rapid. The visiting staff members have helped alleviate the condition, and the Nurses Aide Corps has been of valuable assistance. At the Mercy Hospital the bed shortage has been acute at times. However, these shortages have not been of the magnitude of those in the more populated areas of the State.

Dr. C. I. Mead served as Chairman of the Kern General Hospital Staff, and through his efforts a Junior membership in the Society has been made available to the resident physicians. Dr. J. M. Kirby, Superintendent of the hospital, has cooperated with the visiting staff members in improving the varied medical and surgical services.

Dr. J. Headen Inman served as Chairman of the Committee to raise funds for the work of the National Physicians' Committee, and a total of \$400 was contributed by the membership. It is felt that the Society should continue support of the N. P. C. and of the Public Health League. Each member has contributed \$5.00 yearly as dues to the latter organization.

The Woman's Auxiliary has actively supported the efforts of the Medical Society, and are to be especially commended for their volunteer services to the program of the Nurses Aid Corps of the Red Cross. Mrs. C. B. Stockton has served as Chairman of the Corps.

Dr. J. M. Nicholson served as president of the Society. Other officers during 1943 were Virginia McNamara, vice-president, and Sophie M. Loven, secretary.

Serving on the Board of Directors were F. J. Gundry, C. S. Compton, C. I. Mead, J. M. Krevitt, J. Headen Inman, Lucille B. May, and Harry Lange. Delegates were F. J. Gundry and Seymour Strongin, with J. Headen Inman and Lucille B. May as alternates.

SOPHIE M. LOVEN,
Secretary pro tem.

San Luis Obispo County Medical Society

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month; eleven in 1943, but no meeting in August.

The membership in 1943 was thirty-four, including five members in the Armed Forces. One member was lost by death and three members moved elsewhere. Three new members were elected to membership.

Most of the meetings were participated in by our own members, with several outstanding outside programs including, "Treatment of Varicose Veins," by Dr. M. Lawrence Montgomery of San Francisco; "Rupture of the Uterus," by Dr. Earl B. King of San Francisco; and "Meningitis," by Capt. Chester Johns of Camp San Luis Obispo.

So far, the present supply of physicians, nurses and hospital beds has been adequate to cope with the large influx of population because of two large army camps and a naval installation in the county. The individual load of each physician, however, has reached the point where any increase might lead to a serious need in the county.

Obstetrical beds have been occupied to capacity. In 1940 there were 547 births in the county; in 1943, there were 1,183 births. In the last three months, 344 obstetrical cases have been authorized in the county under the emergency program of the Children's Bureau, conducted by the State Department of Public Health.

We feel that, during the past year, the Society has made every effort to cooperate with agencies, such as the County Health Department and Red Cross, in attempting to take care of the problems created by the War, as they relate to the medical profession.

HARRISON EILERS,
Secretary.

Santa Barbara County Medical Society

The Santa Barbara County Medical Society has an active membership of 125. Regular meetings are held on

the second Monday of each month, except July and August, at 8:15 P.M., in the Bissell Auditorium of the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. It is the policy of the Society to have outstanding members of the medical profession from outside of Santa Barbara present papers at each meeting.

The January meeting is the annual banquet, which in 1943, was held in the Gold Room of El Paseo. Fifty-three members and guests attended.

Additional society members have joined the Armed Forces during 1943, so that at the present time there are forty members of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society in the Services.

Guest speakers during 1943 were:

March: Dr. Alson K. Kilgore, San Francisco: "Disorders of the Breast."

April: Dr. William Molony, President of the California Medical Association and Dr. George H. Kress, Secretary of the C. M. A. Also Major Charles Sebastian of the California Defense Council and Col. L. A. Emge, U. S. Public Health Service, each of whom spoke on Emergency Medical Evacuation Units.

May: Dr. Jeannette Noack, S.B. State College: "Elizabethan Medicine."

June: Dr. William T. Grant, Los Angeles: "Cerebral Injuries, Diagnosis and Treatment."

September: Dr. Donald Tollefson, Los Angeles: "Problems of the Cervix in General Practice."

October: Meeting, with Mr. Wm. Glenn Ebersole: "California Physicians' Service Problems."

November: Dr. Rudolph Schindler, Chicago, Illinois: "Gastroscopy and Chronic Gastritis."

December: Dr. Gurth Carpenter, Los Angeles: "Diagnostic Responsibility of Thrombocytopenic Purpura."

During 1943 twelve new members were added to the Society.

Dr. G. V. Hamilton, a revered member of the Society died during 1943, and his loss will be felt by all who knew him.

Except for the usual dislocations incident to the war, the S. B. County Society has ended another successful year with a sense of steady progress. Its relationship to the community organizations has been coöperative and many of the members are actively engaged in civic tasks, both related to and outside of the medical field.

A. B. WILCOX,
Secretary.

Ventura County Medical Society

The Ventura County Medical Society has a membership of fifty-four, nineteen of which are on inactive status without payment of dues because of military Service. We have lost three members through death, one in action with the Navy in the South Pacific.

Our meetings are held once monthly, on the second Tuesday at the Ventura County Club at Satcoy, and are well attended. Excellent meals are partaken of before beginning the business and scientific program.

As everywhere these days, there is a shortage of medical personnel and hospital beds; but the fine coöperation between the County and private institutions has held this inconvenience down to a minimum.

Members of the Society are active in both the American Tuberculosis Association, and the American Society for the Control of Cancer, and in recently formed civic groups for the study and correction of juvenile delinquency.

GERALD K. RIDGE,
Secretary.

FOURTH DISTRICT

Calaveras, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties.
Axel E. Anderson, Fresno, Councilor.

Fresno County Medical Society

During the year 1943 the Fresno County Medical Society held ten regular meetings, with the months of July and August observed as a vacation period.

The Society meets at the University-Sequoia Club, and our scientific programs usually consist of a talk by one of the staff from the University of California Medical School.

We have 112 active members, 41 being with the Armed Forces. The scarcity of doctors was acutely felt during the recent flu epidemic, at which a temporary shortage of hospital beds was also noted. At the present time, however, it is believed that adequate medical care in this community is not lacking.

J. A. THORMANN,
Secretary.

Kings County Medical Society

The Kings County Medical Society in 1943 had an active membership of fifteen, with no new members added. Nine members of the Society have entered various branches of military service. Due to the present emergency only six meetings were held. There has been a lack of nurses and insufficient beds in private hospitals the past year.

ARTHUR ZEISMER,
Secretary.

Merced-Mariposa County Medical Society

Since a large percentage of our members have entered the various branches of the Service, the only business meeting held during the past year was on December 21, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year took place.

It was decided that regular monthly meetings be held throughout the coming year, in spite of the fact that only a few are able to attend.

C. C. FITZGIBBON,
Secretary.

San Joaquin County Medical Society

Of our group of 119 active members, forty are now in military service. Omitted from the previous published list is Lt. Com. G. C. Richardson. During the past year one new member, Benjamin Winick, was received by election, and one member, R. V. Lozier, was received by transfer. Four members, H. C. Peterson, Eugene Gay, E. D. Augspurger, and C. D. Holliger were lost by death, and five members were dropped from the roll.

Meetings of last year were held monthly except in August, all at the Clubrooms of the Medico-Dental Building in Stockton, except when the Society was guest of the San Joaquin General Hospital and Stockton State Hospital staffs. The usual dinner sessions were entirely omitted.

The following programs and speakers were presented by the program committee, of which Elmer W. Smith, M.D., was chairman:

January—"Pathology and Etiology of Pneumonia and Influenza," by Monroe D. Eaton, M.D.

February—"Some Modern Concepts of Treatment of Varicose Veins," by Lawrence Montgomery, M.D.

March—"Peptic Ulcer": showing of the film made by Wyeth Laboratories.

April—"Management of Hypertension," by Francis Chamberlain, M.D.

May—Program by San Joaquin General Hospital Staff Members: "Uterine Bleeding in the Third Trimester," by Samuel Hanson, M.D.; "Intestinal Obstruction Due to Congenital Anomaly," by Benjamin Winick, M.D.; "Congenital Cystic Lung—Diagnosis and Treatment," by Elliott P. Smart, M.D.; "Traumatic Rupture of Inter-Auricular Septum," by Elmer W. Smith, M.D.

June—"Chest Disease Problems—Medical and Surgical Aspects," by Lt. Col. George S. Reynolds, Lt. Col. Garnett Cheney, Major William F. Hoyt, and Capt. Edward Denenholz, Members of medical staff, Hammond General Hospital.

September—Program by Stockton State Hospital Staff, by Karl Bowman, M.D., Langley Porter Clinic.

October—"Use of Baserin in Third Stage of Labor," by W. Dayton Clark, M.D.

November—"Parasitic and Tropical Diseases," by Commander Paul Michael, Oak Knoll Naval Hospital.

December—"Arthritis," by Major M. E. Pusitz, Hammond General Hospital.

Besides these meetings there were two others sponsored by the Society. In May, in coöperation with the Office of Civilian Defense with local dentists, nurses and first-aid workers as guests, the following program was presented by the post-graduate committee, of which C. A. Broadus, M.D., was chairman.

"Experiences with Compound Fractures from the Pacific Combat Areas with Presentation of New Appliances for the Care of War Injured," by Lt. Commanders D. D. Toffelmeier, Merrill Mensor, and H. I. Barnard; "The Paraffin Wax Treatment of Burns," by Lt. Com. Ralph C. Pendleton; "Operative Experiences with Periphrical Nerve Lesions from the Pacific Combat Area," by Lt. Com. Nathan C. Norcross.

Then in July, at a special meeting, the subject, "Prophylaxis, Care, Pathology and Treatment of Chemical Casualties," was presented through the sponsorship of the State Emergency Medical Service.

Although there is a shortage of physicians since all available men have been called into the military services,

the members are coöperating to the fullest extent in providing good medical care for the communities. There is a great shortage of nurses and there has been attempt to alleviate the situation by decreasing demands for special duty nurses. The number of available private hospital beds is inadequate, as was demonstrated acutely during the latter six months of the year. Members continue to render their services on the draft boards and the civilian defense organizations.

Two of the members have received great recognition the past year. H. S. Chapman, M.D., has been appointed to serve on the State Board of Medical Examiners. J. J. Sippy, M.D., is president-elect of the American Public Health Association. C. A. Broadbudd, M.D., succeeded H. S. Chapman, M.D., as Chief Medical Officer of Civilian Defense for Stockton and San Joaquin Counties.

DORA AMES LEE,
Secretary.

Stanislaus County Medical Society

The year 1943 was uneventful for the Stanislaus County Medical Society. Nine regular meetings were held, there being none in the months of July, August, and September.

At present there are fifty-four doctors in the Society, thirty-nine members practicing in the County, and fifteen in the Armed Services.

H. R. GANT,
Secretary.

Tulare County Medical Society

Under the able leadership of Dr. Karl F. Weiss as President, and Dr. Frank Guido as Secretary-Treasurer, the Tulare County Medical Society had a full and active year. The same difficulties that prevail elsewhere were felt here. Despite the greatly increased burden of work of all the physicians in the county, the Society has maintained its unity and organization. A dinner meeting with an outstanding speaker has been held monthly, with the exception of the summer months. It is becoming increasingly difficult for societies away from the medical centers to find appropriate speakers.

There were 36 active members in 1943, in addition to 16 members in the Armed Services. The Society has taken an active part in maintaining essential medical care, even to helping to prevent the complete depletion of dentists from our communities. In the same respect it has also aided in preventing the breakdown in medical care centers; such as protesting vigorously the proposed use of the Municipal Hospital by Osteopaths.

We regretfully acknowledge the death, during 1943, of Dr. Sherman Rogers, of Tulare.

JAMES C. MALCOLM,
Secretary.

FIFTH DISTRICT

Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.

R. Stanley Kneeshaw, San Jose, *Councilor.*

Monterey County Medical Society

There are seventy-six names on the roster of the Monterey County Medical Society. Of this number, twenty-six are serving in the Armed Forces of our country. A further analysis shows that seventeen members are in the Army and nine in the Navy.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, with the exception of the summer months, July and August. Several interesting programs were held during 1943. Major A. Sirbu, orthopedic surgeon from Fort Ord, spoke on "Fractures and Their Treatment" in January. In May, Lieutenant Alexander McLean, of the U. S. Naval Reserve, spoke on the subject of "War Neuroses." The June program was held at Fort Ord and was contributed to by the various medical officers stationed there. Dr. Anthony J. Rourke, of San Francisco, spoke at the October meeting on the subject of the "Modern Trend toward Socialized Medicine." In December, Dr. John C. Cline of San Francisco gave a report on the "Future of the Practice of Medicine." The meetings were alternated between the Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach and the Santa Lucia Inn in Salinas.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Monterey County Medical Society continued their various activities of previous years. This group has always been helpful to the Society in its problems.

The Monterey County Public Health Department maintains clinics at Monterey, King City and Salinas. There is close coöperation between the staff of this department and the practicing physicians of this county.

ARNOLD MANOR,
Secretary.

San Benito County Medical Society

The San Benito County Medical Society has a total of eight members, three of whom are on duty with the Armed Services, leaving five in active practice at home. Meetings are held only on call of the president, the Society being rather inactive as an organization.

The population of this County has increased 2.9 per cent since the war, which has thrown an added load on the remaining physicians, nurses and hospital. However, we have not had the problem of the influx of population of the industrial centers, and are carrying on without too much difficulty.

JOHN J. HARUFF,
Secretary.

San Mateo County Medical Society

The present membership consists of 73 active members, 26 members in military service, and 5 associate members. During the past year there have been 2 members deceased, 8 new members. Applications on file, 4.

Regular meetings are held monthly, except during June, July and August; recently at the San Mateo County Blood Bank, or in Mills Memorial Hospital. For the past year, we joined the Mills Memorial Hospital staff, the meetings being featured with case reports, addresses by guest speakers, and a clinical-pathological conference.

The ratio of practicing M.D.'s to civilian population in the County is 1 to 1965. A definite nurse shortage exists, and many nurses have contributed an extra 8 hour shift daily to a needy private case, after finishing their regular 8 hours of duty. All hospital beds are usually filled. Arrangements have been made to transfer private patients to the Community Hospital (San Mateo County Hospital), under the care of private physicians, when necessary, but to date the actual need to resort to this procedure has not occurred. Private hospital beds, however, are available only for very sick patients.

During the past year the San Mateo County Medical Society placed itself on record as opposing the approval of membership applications of new physicians unless they previously were cleared by the Procurement and Assignment Committee. This action aimed to: (1) Protect the practices of members in the Armed Forces temporarily away; (2) Assure coöperation in the aim of the Procurement and Assignment Service to supply adequately all areas with medical care, and encourage location of M.D.'s in medically-depleted areas.

LOGAN GRAY,
Secretary.

Santa Clara County Medical Society

The Santa Clara County Medical Society now has eighty members in the Armed Services, with 150 remaining in civilian practice. There have been thirteen new members elected during the year; and three members have died during the year.

Attendance at regular meetings has been very good. No meetings were held in July or August. At the January meeting which, as usual, was held at the Santa Clara County Hospital, the staff presented an interesting summary and discussion of cases, and prizes were awarded for the best essays. The April meeting was held at Agnew State Hospital, where the staff presented an interesting scientific discussion. Other meetings have stressed the scientific aspects of medicine, though the trend of medical economic affairs has received considerable attention.

While physicians in civilian practice here are finding a considerable load, no actual shortage has existed. The hospitals continue full, but no serious difficulty has been encountered in securing accommodations for ill patients.

There has been very active coöperation between the Medical Society and the American Red Cross. This has applied particularly to the Home Service and the Visiting Nurses Departments since this relates to the care of families of service men and service men on furlough. It is contemplated that the Medical Society will coöperate in the formation of a Visiting Nurse Association in San Jose.

During the epidemic of poliomyelitis, the coöperation between the county hospital, the community physicians and the public was very satisfactory, and many retired nurses entered the county hospital service, frequently without a fee, and gave much time with the Kenney treatment, to the care of patients.

Continued effort is being exerted to safeguard the interests of the physicians who are in the Armed Services.

FRED W. BORDEN,
Secretary.

Santa Cruz County Medical Society
Despite wartime restrictions and limitations a very

successful year was had by the Society in 1943 under the qualified leadership of President Frederick P. Shenk. The schedule of meetings for the year was streamlined to a total of four. In February we were addressed by Doctor W. E. Carter, of the University of California Out-Patient Department, on the subject "How Our Clinic Can Be of More Assistance to Practitioners of Medicine During This Emergency." Also present was Doctor Hans Waine, of the University of California Medical School, who presented a paper on "Some Modern Concepts of Etiology, Pathology and Treatment of Arthritis." The April meeting was devoted to the subject, "Acute Surgical Abdominal Problems," and the speaker was Doctor Leon Goldman, also of the University of California Medical School. In October Doctor Verne T. Inman, another member of the University of California Medical School staff, presented a paper on "The Sacroiliac and Lumbosacral Regions of the Back." The December meeting was held at Camp McQuaide, near Watsonville, and consisted of an interesting and instructive tour of a typical Army station hospital. The annual business meeting was held at this time. Our membership, as of January 1, 1944, was 45, with 14 absent in active military service.

SAMUELL B. RANDALL,
Secretary.

SIXTH DISTRICT

San Francisco County.

John W. Cline, San Francisco, *Councilor.*

San Francisco County Medical Society

The year began with an effort on the part of the Society to prevent acquisition of the Dante Hospital by the United States Army. J. W. Cline, L. H. Garland and A. J. Rourke went to all proper lengths to save the Dante Hospital for the civilian population of San Francisco, interviewing General DeWitt, Mayor Rossi and representatives from the Office of Civilian Defense—all without success. As time has passed, it is our opinion that this effort on the part of the officers of the Society was a wise one, and that it was unfortunate that their efforts were not successful.

At almost the same time, namely, in February, 1943, Harold A. Fletcher asked for the assistance of the Society in an attempt to secure physicians for war industries. A large and extremely active committee was appointed representing the various hospitals in the community, a list of names was obtained and in many cases individuals were interviewed to determine their willingness and availability for this service. While the results were not all that could be wished, it may be said that a sincere effort was made to cooperate with Doctor Fletcher and with A. E. Larsen, Medical Director of California Physicians' Service. Progress was made in securing physicians for the various war industries.

Early in the year Doctor Fletcher asked the Society to concern itself with the problem of medical care for Negroes. A committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Russel F. Rypins and included Charles W. Barnett and Saxton Pope, who rendered outstanding service during the year by their efforts to establish a privately run clinic for the purpose of providing proper medical care for Negroes. Meetings were held with Mr. Robert Flippen, Negro Director of the West Side Housing Project, who was 100 per cent behind this type of medical care for the Negro population, emphasizing that the Negroes of San Francisco did not desire segregation or free care. This committee is still active. A clinic operated by three members of the Society was established on a private practice basis and provides care from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Hospital Liaison Committee was active. After Dante Hospital was taken over by the Army all possibilities for expansion in the remaining hospitals in the city were explored and a total of 120 additional beds thus provided. The possibilities of more rapid turnover through the cooperation of the medical men was also suggested and through the efforts of the San Francisco Hospital Conference and the Liaison Committee the bed situation has so far not become too acute.

Certain difficulties were encountered by the Emergency Medical Service of the San Francisco Civilian War Council. Drs. Anthony J. J. Rourke and Henry Gibbons, III, outlined their requirements for a smoothly running emergency medical service which was backed by the officers of your Society. Mr. Frederick J. Koster, then chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross, proved to be extremely courteous and receptive to these ideas at his meetings with the Executive Committee. At his invitation, a member of the County Medical Society was chosen to sit on the Board of the Red Cross, an event which has been the desire of the San Francisco

County Medical Society for several years. A special committee was also appointed consisting of Doctors Rourke and Ward for the County Medical Society, and Mr. Charles Wollenberg and Mr. Russell D. Carpenter representing the Red Cross. This Committee interviewed the various interested parties and developed a program of organization which was passed by the Society and is now being considered by the Red Cross. It is to be hoped that an amicable settlement of this matter will lead to continued cordial relations between the Red Cross and the Society, since it is to be expected that they will of necessity work together on many problems in the future.

With the advent of food rationing, doctors were soon assailed with problems of adequate diets for patients. It became obvious that some central medical agency must be provided to supervise and control the issuance of extra food rations for the benefit of the patients, the protection of the physicians, and especially since lay ration boards could scarcely be expected to determine the justice of requests from physicians for their patients. Mary Mathes was appointed chairman of a committee consisting of H. Clare Shephardson, John W. Cline and Anthony B. Diepenbrock, who have met weekly and passed upon all requests for additional rations for this district. The members of this committee deserve wholehearted thanks for their splendid efforts. So far there have been no complaints either from physicians or members of the ration boards regarding the efficient and fair manner in which this committee has handled its duties. It should be mentioned that two months after this committee was in operation, authorities in Washington wired San Francisco asking that a food committee be appointed. An entirely separate committee was appointed to satisfy the Washington request but so far as is known the latter committee has never functioned.

One of the outstanding achievements of the year has been the satisfactory functioning of the 24-hour, seven-days-a-week telephone service for supplying names of physicians to patients who have no regular physician. There appears to be great need for this service as 10,500 such calls were handled since the 24-hour service was instituted early last year.

Several times during the year the matter of opening the San Francisco Hospital to private patients was discussed. It is of course to be hoped that this eventuality can be avoided. In the event of an epidemic, however, or a great increase in illness during the winter it is entirely possible that this problem must be faced by the Society. It seems obvious that no citizen can be allowed to suffer for lack of adequate hospital facilities. Certain vexing problems, however, such as the staffing of additional beds by both medical and lay personnel become at once apparent.

The request from the American Women's Voluntary Services for the supplying of physicians for examining women sent into agricultural work was complied with.

The Federal Children's Bureau plan for supplying medical care to the wives and infants of service men of the lower four grades was taken up at several different meetings. The aim of the plan was heartily endorsed by your Society, but the method of financing medical services was disapproved. The Children's Bureau plan calls for the payment to physicians directly for their services. Regardless of the fee involved it was thought that the individual in question should be paid and the physician reimbursed directly by the patient.

The problem of private duty nursing in hospitals proved to be a difficult one. The president and secretary met with the hospital administrators and representatives of the private duty nurses and agreed to appoint a committee to represent the views of the County Medical Society in the future disposition of this problem. This committee consists of Rodney R. Beard, chairman; Frederick H. Rodenbaugh and Verne T. Inman. So far it may be said that the policy of the County Medical Society has been to back any plan which is satisfactory to the nurses, the hospital administration and which at the same time renders adequate service to the patients in need of it.

Over the dead bodies, figuratively, of several of the members, the Society held a seventy-fifth anniversary celebration. Always alive to the possibilities of publicity, its unflinching publicity expert, Mr. William J. Losh, pointed out that the November meeting would celebrate either the ninetyeth or seventy-five anniversary of the Society. After extensive research it was finally concluded that the Society had been in unbroken existence for seventy-five years and therefore the Diamond Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration would be proper. Largely through the efforts of Francis L. Chamberlain, chairman of the Program Committee, two very successful meetings were held at the two university hospitals on the morning of November 7 and a symposium on the future of medicine was held at the home of the Society in the after-

noon. The papers of Morris Fishbein and Anthony J. J. Rourke were published in the Society's December *Bulletin* and those of Morton R. Gibbons, Sr., and Walter H. Brown will be published in the coming issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*.

Many other matters of interest were dealt with during the course of the year, but most of them led to no major developments and it is scarcely necessary to report them here.

Under the able direction of Curtis E. Smith the Blood Bank has continued to progress and enlarge its service to the community.

CHESTER L. COOLEY,
Secretary.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
Frank R. Makinson, Oakland, *Councilor.*

Alameda County Medical Association

The Alameda County Medical Association has carried on its usual business, including scientific meetings, in spite of the pressure occasioned by the emergency. General meetings have been held on the third Monday of each month, except for the vacation period of July and August. The scientific programs have been of the usual excellence with a number of guest speakers, doctors in the medical divisions of the United States Army and Navy, who brought us stimulating reports on medical practice in the Armed Forces. Fewer new members have entered the Association this year than usual, but this was to be expected under existing conditions. There has been a healthy growth and expansion on the part of our library, and it is interesting to note that its use was more extensive in the past year than formerly. A marked increase in interest in industrial medicine has been noted. During the year we have provided for the admission of newcomers on a temporary membership, thus eliminating the six months' waiting period without endangering the high standards maintained by the County and State Associations. This is a local arrangement, and does not affect membership in the California Medical Association or the American Medical Association, but has given us an opportunity to welcome new men, and to become acquainted with them in order that they may be evaluated for permanent membership at a later date.

GERTRUDE MOORE,
Secretary.

Contra Costa County Medical Society

The following is the report of the Contra Costa County Medical Society for the year 1943. The membership totaled fifty-six active members; the following six members being in Military service—Drs. Gaines L. Coates, H. B. Flanders, John J. Fitzgerald, Paul F. Winn, C. E. Dietderich, and E. L. Howe.

Ten meetings were held during the year, on the second Tuesday of every month; each meeting consisting of a business session and a scientific program conducted by guest speakers.

The medical care problem for the war workers and families in Richmond has become an acute one, due to the shortage of doctors, nurses, and hospital beds; but machinery has been set in motion, for the relief of the problem, through coöperation of the C.M.A.

GEORGE C. KELSO,
Secretary.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, Eldorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Placer-Nevada-Sierra, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.

Frank A. MacDonald, Sacramento, *Councilor.*

Butte-Glenn County Medical Society

Due to the exigencies of the war and resulting increased duties of members, only six meetings were held during the past year. One was with the Staff of the Chico Army Air Field, four were addressed by speakers from San Francisco, and one was a talk by the president of our society, who gave his report on the California Medical Association meeting in Los Angeles, to which he was a delegate.

The attendance at these meetings was less than half of that a couple of years ago, as the men from outside Chico no longer come in. Two factors are responsible: the gasoline and tire shortage, and the increased amount of practice.

Our effective strength in membership, in Butte and

Glenn counties, is only fifty to sixty per cent of what we had in past years, and the interest in the meetings has suffered as a result. With the departure of most of our young men, the older members are the only ones to attend the meetings, and they feel that rest and relaxation are the best antidotes for a hard day's work.

Twelve men from this community are in the Service. Eight of these are members, and the other four are prospects for the future, provided they return to Chico.

The Woman's Auxiliary had several meetings and, when called upon, have given valuable assistance to our Society.

J. O. CHIAPELLA,
Secretary.

Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society

The Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Medical Society now has 21 members—16 active, and 5 in the Armed Service. There will be one eligible new member in the area as soon as he has been here the required length of time. As with other areas in the West, we have had an increase in population without increase of doctors. A hospital has been established at Herlong, California, to care for the personnel at the Sierra Ordnance Depot.

A meeting is to be held on March 4, 1944, in Susanville, at which time we will have an election of officers and see films on medical subjects.

J. W. CREVER,
Secretary.

Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society

Due to war conditions and restrictions regarding gasoline and tires, only two meetings were held during the 1943 calendar year:

1. A special meeting of September 4, 1943, at which time there were five members present. This was held to discuss the Federal Children's Bureau Plan for obstetric and pediatric care of wives and infants of enlisted men and also the proposed new constitution and by-laws. Dr. Frank MacDonald, of Sacramento, Councilor for the Eighth District, was present, and discussed the Federal Children's Bureau Plan.

2. The annual meeting of November 13, 1943, at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President: George A. Foster, M.D., Grass Valley; Vice-President: Paul D. Barnes, M.D., Loomis; Secretary-Treasurer: Robert A. Peers, M.D., Colfax; Delegate: William M. Miller, M.D., Auburn; and Alternate: Max Dunievitz, M.D., Auburn.

At this meeting also, the new constitution and by-laws were adopted. These were presented by a Committee consisting of Robert H. Eveleth, M.D., C. E. Lewis, M.D., and Robert A. Peers, M.D. Preparation of the constitution and by-laws was largely the work of Mr. Hartley F. Peart, and the members of the Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society wish to take this opportunity to express to him and his associate, Mr. Hassard, their thanks and appreciation for their splendid assistance, and for the fact that no charge was made.

The membership of the Society is now forty, which includes one retired member.

ROBERT A. PEERS,
Secretary.

Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement meets at 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the auditorium of the Nurses' Home at Mercy Hospital, 40th and J Streets. No meetings are held during the vacation months of July and August. Programs are arranged by a committee, and the December meeting is devoted to Society business and the election of officers for the ensuing year. No bulletin is published by the Society, but the programs of the meetings are announced on printed notices which are sent to all local physicians and other interested physicians in nearby communities. Notices of the monthly meetings are also sent to physicians in Military Service at the adjacent Army posts. The following speakers and programs were presented during the year:

January 19—Dr. Raymond Simmonds discussed the subject of "Spontaneous Subarachnoid Hemorrhage."

February 18—Dr. Edwin E. Osgood, Professor of Experimental Medicine at the University of Oregon Medical School, spoke on "Clinical Application of Sulfonamide Drugs."

March 20—The seventy-fifth Annual Banquet was held at the Del Paso Country Club.

April 20—Dr. Carl E. Burkland spoke on the "Diagnosis and Treatment of Trauma to the Genito-Urinary Tract."

May 18—The Society was the guest of Camp Kohler for dinner, following which an interesting scientific program was presented by the officers of the medical staff.

June 15—Dr. Henry M. Bockrath presented a paper on "Modern Concepts of Genito-Infectious Diseases."

July 20—A special meeting of the Society was held for a program on "Chemical Warfare," the speakers being Dr. Chamberlain and Dr. Bennett of the University of California.

September 22—Dr. Horace McCorkle, Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of California Medical School, presented a paper on "The Regulation of Fluid Therapy in Surgical Cases."

October 19—"The Treatment of Menorrhagia" was the subject for discussion by Dr. Daniel G. Morton, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of California Medical School.

November 16—Lieutenant Commander J. C. Moloney, M.C., U.S.N.R., gave a talk on the "Cornelian Corner."

December 21—Annual Business Meeting of Society with election of officers.

The Society has a membership of 174, a gain of 7 members during the last year, of which 45 are in the Armed Services. One member, Dr. W. F. Lowe, died in 1943.

The Society approved the principle, but condemned the method of administration of the Federal Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program, and in August advised all parties concerned that the members of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement would not participate in the plan as originally devised after January 1. The Society favors the payment of any Government funds directly to the patient as an allotment, and feels that any other plan is undesirable, and a form of socialized medicine. It was felt that the filling out of numerous forms, and the requirement that the Doctor get "permission" from some Bureauerat for the various so-called "special services" could not be tolerated. A committee, appointed by the President, devised a single simple form eliminating all bureaucratic interference. In protest against the Federal Plan the members are refusing also to accept payment from the Federal Government or from any other source for professional services rendered to patients certified for these benefits. Pending further attempts to have this money given to the patient as an allotment, the Society's plan is operating with the coöperation of the local hospitals and local and State Health Departments, and the patients are being given excellent and efficient service gratuitously by the Doctor.

CARL E. BURKLAND,
Secretary.

Shasta County Medical Society

The Shasta County Medical Society has a total active membership of 17. Eight others are in the Army. During the year 1943 one of our oldest and most esteemed members, Dr. Ferdinand Stabel, passed away; two new members were admitted; two members transferred from the Society.

The Society meets regularly the second Monday of each month, except during June, July, and August.

There is no unusual shortage of doctors, except in the specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat. The nurse shortage is acute and serious. By shortening the period of hospitalization as much as practical, there is an adequate number of hospital beds at this time.

Our chief community problem relates to the establishment of a Public Health Department for the City of Redding and Shasta County. A coördinator is needed very much.

JOHN E. KIRKPATRICK,
Secretary.

Tehama County Medical Society

The Tehama County Medical Society has an active membership of seven physicians, and the meetings are held either in Red Bluff or Corning at the call of the President, Doctor F. L. Doane. Doctor O. T. Wood is now serving as Lieutenant in the Navy and Doctor R. I. Thompson is in defense work in England. Doctor E. R. Wilson, formerly of Indianapolis, has been elected a member of the Tehama County Medical Society. Our local hospitals have just about been able to take care of the necessities of the community. All the medical men are coöperating fully in respect to all the local defense problems, and in Public Health and School meetings.

R. G. FREY,
Secretary.

Yolo County Medical Association

During the past calendar year the Yolo County Medical

Society has continued to be very active. We have been fortunate to obtain unusually good speakers for our programs and our attendance has been very good. The meetings have consisted of a scientific discussion on each occasion. The speaker, without exception, has given an interesting and worthwhile address. Our total number of active members at present is sixteen, while the number of members in the Military Service is twelve.

The medical care of the imported farm laborers was one of our greatest medical problems and was quite similar in 1942. Approximately 1700 Mexican Nationals and 450 Navajo Indians were imported into our county. The medical expenses for both groups were borne by the Agricultural Workers' Health and Medical Association. Both groups speak little or no English; thus the language difficulty is a real problem. In addition to the above, there was an influx of about 3000 migratory workers.

The Society has contributed, as a group, and many members have contributed additional funds individually to the National Physicians' Service.

EMERY LEIVERS,
Secretary.

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society

Nine regular meetings, two of which were luncheon affairs, as well as several special sessions, of the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa County Medical Society, were held in 1943. The regular meetings were on the second Wednesday of each month in the Hotel Marysville in Marysville. No meetings were held in July, August, or September.

Dr. F. P. Wisner served as Program Chairman, and many excellent programs of scientific and educational interest were presented. Notices of the meeting were sent regularly to the medical officers of the station hospital at Camp Beale. Speakers at the meetings were from the staffs of the University of California or The Stanford Lane Hospitals. The members of the Society also attended several medical meetings at Camp Beale.

The roster of active members now numbers sixteen. Twelve members are in the Armed Forces. One new member, Dr. R. Frantz, public health officer, has been added since last year. Death took Dr. E. E. Gray, well-known and esteemed as a physician who practiced for thirty years in this area.

HARRY H. CLEMENS,
Secretary.

NINTH DISTRICT

Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, and Trinity Counties.
John W. Green, Vallejo, *Councilor.*

Humboldt County Medical Society

For the year 1943, the Humboldt County Medical Society had a paid up membership of twenty-five. Dr. Ernest Gianotti, of Scotia, was our only new member for the year. We lost one member, Dr. M. P. Huff, by transfer. One of our old members, Dr. E. J. Hill, was claimed by death. Two members were dropped for non-payment of dues. Dr. Howard Finke, of Crescent City, volunteered for active duty with the Medical Department of the U. S. Navy. Dr. Lloyd B. Lawton, who has taken over the full-time position as a medical director for the Humboldt County Community Hospital, is transferring his membership here from Yuba County.

We were able to get outside speakers for only three meetings during the year because of our remote location and because of transportation problems. At the other meetings, local professional and business problems were ironed out. The marked increase in industrial cases, and the care of new families brought here by the shipyards were finally worked out and the local doctors were able to meet the situation without calling on the Public Health Service or the Procurement and Assignment Committee for help.

Dr. C. C. Falk, Sr. (one of our Grand Old Men in medicine), consented to serve us as president during the year 1943, after having finished out the latter part of 1942, when we lost three consecutive presidents to the Armed Forces.

The cancer, heart and tuberculosis educational campaigns were carried out in conjunction with the Woman's Medical Auxiliary.

Because of the marked influx of population there has been many instances of bed shortages in the private hospitals. However, beds were available in the County Hospital and some private patients had to be sent there. The increased industrial use of former indigents and unemployables has caused a marked decrease in the number of patients at the County Community Hospital. There

has been quite a shortage of nurses, and it has been necessary to use many practical nurses to supplement the services of our registered nurses. Plans are on foot for starting a local training school for nurses in conjunction with Humboldt State College.

Humboldt County has had a prepayment health and hospital plan, run by organized labor, for over thirty years. In addition, some of the large lumber companies employ a "company doctor" to look after the health of their workmen. However, none of these systems have provided care for wives and children of the laborers, and they do not offer free choice of physicians.

Because this community is receptive to prepaid health plans, and because of the large proportion of workers, this is a fertile field in which to sell California Physicians' Service. The Fortuna teachers, the State employees and a few other groups have bought California Physicians' Service, but there has never been any attempt here to sell this service to the people.

J. S. WOOLFORD,
Secretary.

Marin County Medical Society

The Marin County Medical Society had a very satisfactory year in 1943. At present the membership is 33. Three new members were accepted by transfer. Nineteen members are in the Army and Navy. One member received a medical discharge from the Army, and in turn was given a transfer out of the Society. We have not had any losses this past year by death.

The Society held eight meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 22. This was very good considering the rush of work. Two joint meetings were held with the Auxiliary. Good speakers were obtained from San Francisco, and this kept the Society alive and active. A feeling of cooperation has continued to exist.

The doctors have all been very busy, but have done their work without complaint. The nursing situation has been somewhat discouraging. There have not been enough nurses to do general duty, and specialists have been at a premium. The prospect for improvement in the future is dark.

The two hospitals in the county are always crowded, and there is always a waiting list. The obstetrical patients have often been sent home on the third day after delivery to make room for another who needed the bed immediately.

CARL W. CLARK,
Secretary.

Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society

During the year 1943 there were nineteen members in the Society. In addition, there are now ten members in the Armed Forces. Our last meeting, well attended, was of vital interest, since there was a discussion of "poliomyelitis," at the height of the epidemic in Northern California.

LOUISE E. PETTY,
Secretary.

Napa County Medical Society

Business and scientific speeches were held approximately every other month during the year 1943.

There was considerable discussion at several meetings regarding the care of wives of men in the Service. The consensus of opinion was that, regardless of the method more or less arbitrarily instituted by Washington, these patients should be cared for and would be cared for by our members, but every effort would be made to induce a different method by which our members would be compensated.

A considerable problem resulted due to the influx of Mexican Nationals who are being used as agricultural workers. It was voted that the men in private practice in our county should accept the care of these laborers when called upon to do so.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at Yountville, November 3, 1943. The guest speaker was Doctor William J. Kerr, Professor of Medicine, at the University of California. The following officers were elected: President, C. H. Bulson; Vice President, Charles Calkins; Secretary and Treasurer, M. M. Booth; Delegate, Dwight H. Murray; and Alternate R. C. Burkett.

It should be mentioned here that Doctor Charles Bulson, the newly elected president, has just completed his fiftieth year in the practice of medicine.

The dues of the Napa County Medical Society were voted to be increased to twenty-five dollars a year at the meeting held on December 8, 1943.

At the above stated meeting we had a discussion as to

whether we should have a representative at the National Capital. Dwight H. Murray, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that eleven western state societies would be represented at a meeting in Salt Lake City to discuss the question of developing an information bureau in the National Capital in order that members of the National Congress could have immediately available information regarding legislation that involves medical problems.

Members of our organization are serving in the Armed Forces as medical officers in almost every theater of war. The members at home in active practice are, we believe, satisfactorily carrying on and rendering proper service to our respective communities.

M. M. BOOTH,
Secretary.

Siskiyou County Medical Society

Due to the limited membership in this county unit, the number of colleagues who have gone into Military Service, and also because of the great geographical area this County of Siskiyou covers, it has not been possible to maintain the regularity of meetings during the last year.

However, the members of the county unit who are still in civilian practice maintain their contacts and so far as immediate needs are concerned, are safeguarding the best interests of the profession.

F. W. MARTIN,
Secretary.

Solano County Medical Society

The following is a review of activities of the Solano County Medical Society for the year 1943.

Solano County now has 71 licensed physicians and surgeons, of whom there are, as active members of the Solano County Medical Society: in practice, 41; in Armed Forces, 5; in public health work, 2; in full time CPS work, 8; in full time school work, 1; in medical administration, 2; retired, 5.

On January 12, 1943, Drs. W. E. Carter, Herbert F. Traut privileged us as guests. Dr. H. F. Traut spoke on the topic, "Sulfonamides in the Treatment of Infection in the Female Pelvis."

On February 9, 1943, Dr. Karl Bowman spoke to the Society on "Treatment of Alcoholism."

March 9, 1943, Dr. Edwin Bruck presented "Clinical and Pathological Observations in Coronary Disease," to the Society.

On April 13, 1943, Dr. Randolph Flood delivered an address on the subject of "Infectious Diarrhea in the New Born."

May 11, 1943, Dr. Henry Brainerd, of the University of California Medical Staff, spoke on the "Practical Use of Sulfonamides."

A special meeting was held May 25, 1943, at the Vallejo Health Center, for the purpose of considering the operation of CPS in our area.

On June 8, 1943, the members of the Solano County Medical Society were the guests of Capt. J. P. Owens and Staff, of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, and were entertained with a wonderful dinner and a very instructive program of war reconstruction work now being performed at this hospital.

On July 13, 1943, Dr. Francis L. Chamberlain spoke on the "Recent Advances in Treatment of Heart Disease."

On July 29, 1943, the annual Four-County Medical Meeting was held at the Sonoma Golf Club, with Sonoma County acting as host.

August 3, 1943, twenty-four members of the Solano County Medical Society attended a special meeting, the purpose of which was to bring together the various interests instrumental in originating and promoting the idea of a new hospital in Vallejo, and its designing, planning and construction; joining the representatives of the City of Vallejo who will open and operate the hospital, in conjunction with physicians who will be responsible for professional services to be rendered.

On the evening of August 10, 1943, twenty members of the Society had the privilege of listening to Dr. Morton R. Gibbons, Medical Civilian Defense Officer for Northern California, and his staff, who presented an outline of the use and control of gas in warfare.

On the evening of September 14, 1943, members of the Society, together with the following guests: Dr. A. E. Larsen of C.P.S., Mr. Kelly of C.P.S., Dr. L. Gries and Dr. A. E. Pennes of U.C. Staff, met at the Astor House, for dinner, following which urgent matters of business were considered.

On October 12, 1943, Dr. Percy S. Pelouze addressed the Solano County Medical Society on the topic, "New

Aspects of the Diagnosis, Treatment and Control of Gonorrhea."

On October 19, 1943, a special meeting of the Solano County Medical Society was held at the Vallejo Health Center. Dr. Cary A. Snoddy presiding. The program embodied reports on Federal Children's Bureau maternity-pediatric plan.

On November 9, 1943, Dr. L. F. Hawkinson addressed the Society on "Endocrines in General Practice." The talk was illustrated with lantern slides.

On December 14, 1943, members and guests met at the Astor House for a social evening. Dr. John Green acted the part of Santa Claus and distributed presents from the Josh Christmas Tree.

The shortage of doctors is being partially met by doctors brought into Vallejo by C.P.S. There is still a great shortage of nurses. The hospital bed shortage will be met with the opening of The Vallejo Community Hospital, two hundred and fifty beds. The hospital will be open on or about March 20, 1944.

California Physicians' Service has had a full year of activity, many problems have been solved, and the financial situation changed from bankruptcy to a full two-fifty unit.

CHARLES H. WIDENMANN,
Secretary.

Sonoma County Medical Society

The Sonoma County Medical Society membership is now 73. During the year there were seventeen members serving in active duty in the Armed Forces of our country. There were six new members taken into the Society during the year. No members resigned. One member was deceased.

Meetings of the Society were held regularly each month on the second Thursday. The regular meetings always included special speakers on timely subjects of medical education. One special business meeting was held prior to the annual meeting of the California Medical Association. In July the Society met in joint meeting with the Societies of Marin, Napa, and Solano County at a special symposium on the Treatment of Burns, at the Mare Island Naval Hospital, at Mare Island. In August the Sonoma County Society was the host Society to a 4-County meeting held at the Sonoma Mission Inn Golf Club, and included the Societies of Sonoma, Napa, Marin, and Solano. Dr. Karl Schaupp, President of the C.M.A., was the principal speaker of the evening and discussed important problems before the C.M.A. Dr. George Kress and Mr. Ben Reed also spoke. The October meeting was held with the Councilor, Dr. Green, of Vallejo, and Dr. Dwight Murray, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the C.M.A., who brought to the Society interesting information on the Murray-Wagner-Dingle Bill and other important subjects confronted by the C.M.A. The November gathering was a joint meeting with the County Medical Society and the Medical Staff of the Sonoma County Hospital, and consisted of a program of special cases presented by the Staff of the Hospital and also an educational talk by Dr. Glenn Bell, Associate Professor of Surgery, at the University of California.

One of the projects during the year was the establishing of an office of the C.P.S. in Sonoma County and the introduction of C.P.S. surgical policy for the people of Sonoma County.

E. D. BARNETT,
Secretary.

MEDICAL EPONYM

Poncet's Disease

Antonin Poncet (1849-1913), professor of surgery at Lyon, published a paper, entitled "Faits de polyarthrite tuberculeuse simulant des lésions rhumatismales chroniques déformantes [Tuberculous Polyarthritides Simulating the Lesions of Chronic Deforming Rheumatism]" in *La lancette française, gazette des hôpitaux civils et militaires* (70:1219, 1897), a portion of which is translated below:

"On very careful examination it is seen that we are dealing with a deforming polyarthritides of tuberculous nature. It is a bacillary bony manifestation, usually in young subjects. It may be seen in older persons and then is difficult to distinguish from chronic deforming rheumatism."—R. W. B., in *New England Journal of Medicine*.

MEDICAL EPONYM

Schmorl's Disease

Dr. Christian Georg Schmorl (1861-1932), discussed "Ueber-Dehnungs-und Zerreissungsvorgänge an den Bandscheiben und ihre Folgen. [Events Preceding Expansion and Rupture in the Menisci and their Results]" at the twenty-second session of the Deutsche Pathologische Gesellschaft in Danzig, June 8 to 10, 1927. A report of his presentation may be found in the *Centralblatt für allgemeine Pathologie und pathologische Anatomie* (40: 244-246, 1927). A portion of the translation follows:

"The normal turgor of the menisci may thereby so injure the spongiosa of the vertebral bodies as to lead to an abnormally marked indentation of the menisci. This is particularly the case if the spongiosa has deteriorated as the result of disease of the bone substance or the marrow, and its weight-bearing capacity damaged. . . .

"Under normal conditions also an injury to the spongiosa may result from the pressure due to turgor. This injury may be especially observed in young persons in whom endochondral growth is in process of conclusion or indeed has ceased. The injury is here limited to the region of the nucleus and is most probably to be attributed to a deterioration of the cartilage plates. . . .

"As a result of the indentation of the menisci there takes place an extension and thinning of the cartilage plates. Finally, excessive expansion, characterized by the formation of delicate fissures and rupture, occurs, usually in the nuclear region on both surfaces of one and the same meniscus at symmetrically located points. . . .

"... cavities of greater or lesser size arise in the spongiosa. . . .

Cartilaginous nodules appear, which frequently lie at symmetrically situated points of the two surfaces of the menisci."—R. W. B. in *New England Journal of Medicine*.

MEDICAL EPONYM

Cushing's Disease

Dr. Harry Cushing (1869-1939), professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, first described the disease in a paper entitled "The Basophil Adenomas of the Pituitary Body and Their Clinical Manifestations (Pituitary Basophilism)," which appeared in the *Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital* (50:137-195, 1932.) After discussing twelve cases, he concludes:

"... A polyglandular syndrome hitherto supposed to be of cortico-adrenal origin characterized in its full-blown state of acute piethoric adiposity, by genital dystrophy, by osteoporosis, by vascular hypertension, and so on, has been found at autopsy in six out of eight instances to be associated with a pituitary adenoma which, in the three most carefully studied cases (Cases 6, 7, 10), has been definitely shown to be composed of basophilic elements, the lesion in one instance (Case 7) having been clinically predicted before its postmortal verification.

While there is every reason to concede, therefore, that a disorder of somewhat similar aspect may occur in association with pineal, with gonadal or with adrenal tumors, the fact that the peculiar polyglandular syndrome, which pains have been taken herein conservatively to describe, may accompany a basophil adenoma in the absence of any apparent alteration in the adrenal cortex other than a possible secondary hyperplasia will give pathologists reason in the future more carefully to scrutinize the anteropituitary for lesions of similar composition.—R. W. B., in *New England Journal of Medicine*.



BILTMORE HOTEL

Headquarters Hotel, 515 South Olive, opposite Pershing Square, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES

Some Highlights in Its History

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ever, little difference was noted at "El Pueblo de Los Angeles" where Mexican authority followed, when Spanish domination ended. It was really only a change in name.

The beginning of the American period cannot properly be traced to a single date or incident. The Treaty of Cahuenga, the signing of which took place at Cahuenga Pass, near Hollywood, between Andres Pico and John C. Fremont, January 13, 1847, ended hostilities in California and made clear the claims of the United States which were settled at Hidalgo, Mexico, the following year. The events leading to these treaties are of great importance in early Los Angeles history.

But this garrison of fifty soldiers left at Los Angeles was insufficient to insure what otherwise might have been a bloodless conquest of the region.

Then, from out of the desert, came a new figure of importance, General Stephen W. Kearny, marching with his victorious army from the Texan campaign. At the border he had been met by Kit Carson with news of earlier victories in California. Because of this good news, Kearny sent back to the "States" all but 121 of his men. Luckily, however, with the aid of reinforcements sent by Stockton, Kearny with his remaining force reached San Diego where plans were made to march on Los Angeles—the last Mexican stronghold in California.

Marching across the hot barren desert, his weary-worn soldiers little expected the surprise attack from the elated Angelenos at San Pasqual, where thirty-seven Americans were killed and wounded in a bloody battle.

A long tedious march to Los Angeles concluded the campaign; little resistance being made by the Californians. In January, 1847, Kearny entered the city after a skirmish at La Mesa, where hardly a shot was fired. Two days later Fremont entered Los Angeles from the north after having signed the treaty of Cahuenga which brought the city under a new government, the United States of America.

During all of this period Los Angeles was a very small town, with unpaved streets and no means of communication other than the stagecoach and pony express rider. In 1860 the first telegraph line came to the city. In 1868 the first bank was opened. In 1869 San Pedro and the harbor-to-be, were connected to the city by rail.

FIRST FIVE YEARS OF C.P.S.

Early Development Stages

C.P.S. was actually organized at a special meeting of the House of Delegates in December, 1938, and the official incorporation took place on February 2, 1939. The period from December, 1938, to July 1, 1939, was used by the Trustees in arranging details of organization, such as the legal requirements for incorporation, devising of by-laws, rules and regulations, the election of administrative members and the enrollment of professional members.

As of July 1, 1939, approximately 4,500 professional members had indicated their willingness to render their services under the C.P.S. plan. Legal counsel had prepared contract forms to be used in the enrollment in groups of beneficiary members, and on July 15, 1939, the first group (the employees of J. W. Stacey, Inc., of San Francisco) was enrolled and C.P.S. was in business.

In addition to the small office staff which already existed, field representatives were employed to solicit the enrollment of groups of beneficiary members. The first offerings to groups were the so-called "full coverage" medical service memberships in C.P.S. to the members of the groups already enrolled for hospitalization benefits under the three Hospital Service Plans of California.

During this period, individual Trustees assumed direct responsibility for day-to-day management of C.P.S. affairs. Dr. Alson Kilgore, in his capacity as Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, Dr. Morton Gibbons, Sr., in his capacity as Medical Director, Dr. E. Vincent

Askey, in his capacity as Medical Director in the Southern Area, and Dr. T. Henshaw Kelly, in his capacity as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Chairman of the Executive Committee, gave most generously of their time and effort without thought to compensation or concern over the resulting neglect of their own personal welfare. They continued to carry all these responsibilities personally until May, 1940, at which time partial relief was afforded by the employment of Dr. A. E. Larsen on a half-time basis, which was later extended to the employment of Dr. Larsen in a full-time capacity on June 1, 1941, as Executive Medical Director.

Public Reaction to Prepaid Medical Care and Effects Thereof

Although preliminary surveys seemed to indicate a great interest on the part of the public in the development of a prepayment medical service plan, C.P.S. has found that the problem of enrollment of groups is not simple, and that continued increase in membership is secured only after great effort, and at considerable expense. On many occasions, more positive and optimistic expressions of support from professional members would have helped to lighten the burden of enrollment. Many large groups on which considerable effort had been expended were lost to C.P.S. when the employer or some prospective beneficiary called his own personal physician and received a luke-warm reply or a negative report.

Administrative costs have been disproportionately high throughout these five years and will very probably continue to be high until the public can be persuaded into enrollment in large numbers and until the professional member can recognize the necessity for his strong support of C.P.S.

In spite of the many difficulties, however, C.P.S. has grown in size slowly but steadily. It has passed through stages of experiment and adjustment in each of the several forms of membership that have been offered. The original full coverage was found to be economically unsound, and it was modified into a plan which requires the patient to pay the costs of the first two visits. This latter plan, with certain additional limitations and modifications in its benefits, has much more nearly paid its way. The new surgical plan, under which the dependents of the employed person may be enrolled, has also contributed to general improvement in the financial solvency of C.P.S.

C.P.S. Activities with Federal Government Agencies

The program for low income farm families, which was first undertaken in the beginning of 1941, has passed through several stages of modification and change, and now appears to have arrived at an economically sound balance between benefits to the beneficiary and benefits to the professional member.

The emergency program undertaken for the residents of War Housing Projects has also passed through violent stages of modification and change, and during the last three months, by reason of modification of benefits and greater interest in the day-to-day management by local professional members, the program seems to be well on its way toward a reasonable balance.

Rate of Growth

Starting from scratch in July of 1939 with a small office and field organization of approximately fifteen employees and a total income which was less than the administrative expenses in December of 1939, C.P.S. has now grown to an administrative organization of over fifty employees with two main offices, located in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and seven additional district offices, and to an enrollment of approximately 100,000

persons covered in all programs and a total gross income of approximately \$1,250,000 a year.

Although the rate of growth has been slow compared to the growth of medical service plans in some other states, it may be just as well that C.P.S. did not reach great numbers of the population until it had an opportunity to test its experience and make adjustments in its programs accordingly. To the difficulties of experimenting in this unknown field of prepaid medical service costs there have been added the burdens resulting from the abnormal war conditions. These have upset all our normal plans of enrollment and have created a violent turnover in our membership through displacement of normal employment, thereby further increasing our acquisition and other administrative costs.

Unit Value

The unit value of compensation to professional members has not yet reached its par value, in spite of the modifications and efforts toward improvement. However, the unit value has been raised to \$1.75, beginning with the month of February, 1943, which was the highest in C.P.S. history up to that time, and it has been maintained at that level through October. For November, 1943, the Trustees have raised the unit value of \$1.90, a new high level, with possibilities of a further increase in the reasonably near future. (In March, 1944, the unit value was \$2.00.) Although unit value is not the sole measurement of successful operation in C.P.S., it must receive full consideration. The efforts of the Trustees are continuous toward the objective of full compensation to the doctor, and whatever changes are necessary to bring this about will be made, as they have been in the past, when the Trustees are in possession of sufficient information to guide their policy.

Influence of C.P.S. on Development of Prepaid Medical Care Plans

In these five years, California has done more than operate its own California Physicians' Service. By virtue of the existence of C.P.S., California has influenced the medical profession in every other State to a greater or lesser degree of activity in this direction. The C.P.S. administrative organization has received repeated inquiries from state medical societies of almost every State in the Union, and the influences of C.P.S. pioneering in this field can be seen in the development of medical service plans controlled by the medical profession which are developing throughout the country as a whole. The efforts of the medical profession, through C.P.S., have without question influenced both state and national legislative representatives. Many writers for magazines and newspapers of wide circulation throughout the country as a whole have been commissioned by their publications to come to California and study the C.P.S. plan. Inquiries regarding the workings of C.P.S. have been received from as out of the way places as Tel-Aviv in Palestine, the Panama Canal Zone, the headquarters of the Brazilian Government, etc.

The value effectiveness of C.P.S. cannot, therefore, be calculated in terms of its present unit value or its present size in membership. It is rather to be judged on its ability to influence the development of the medical care plans of the future, and upon its ability to meet the urgent problems of the present. C.P.S. can be a most valuable instrument in preserving the traditional pattern of American medicine for the sake of the men in the Armed Forces, both doctors and civilians. From the doctors in the Armed Forces particularly, C.P.S. continuously receives the plea to "hold the fort," to the end that they may return and find the kind of world they have been risking their lives to maintain. (See pp. 209 and 227.)